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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100- )

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re SAC Letter 60-5(C).

On 2/1/60 [redacted]

Riverside, California, advised that about a week ago she attended a luncheon at which the forming of a chapter of the [redacted] society was discussed. She stated that [redacted] from Berkeley, California, was present and discussed the aims and background of the society. [redacted] related data about the society much the same as set out in referenced SAC Letter. She stated that [redacted] is due to return to Riverside towards the latter part of February, at which time further discussion on a chapter formation will be held. At the present time there are no definite plans for a chapter in Riverside.

The foregoing is for the Bureau's information.

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(Title) JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

(File No.) 100-59001

15. Advertising supplement to the LA Times issue of 9/27/64, concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. (10-7-64) CS
14. Letter & envelope written to J.B.S. from [redacted] (see same 11-17-64 sc)
15. Page ad. of the John Birch Society 2627 Main Street, Mar Vista, California. (1-5-62 sc)
16. [redacted] (see same 11-17-64 sc)
17. Pamphlet entitled "Viet Nam, Why not win?" see rev 1138 (6-15-64)
18. Copy of a portion of May 1967 issue of American Opinion and a copy of article written by Gene Dale, etc. (1-28-67 LA Times. See Ser 1151) (5-18-67B sc)
19. Book "None Dare Call it Conspiracy" by Harry Allen, et al
20. Copy of FD-192 for FBI (7-7-67) (2)

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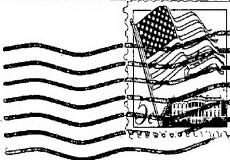
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1 letter +  
1 envelope  
written to John  
Birch Society  
from [redacted]  
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351,439 John Birch Society  
San Marino Branch  
2627 Mission  
San Marino, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you of events  
that happened but I must  
protect myself so I can't give  
my address.

On 30th of April 66, I went  
to Casey's Jug Legion tasked  
for work & even later a ship.  
I am young looking & so they  
said, "If you want to make  
good money, be here tonight at  
6:00 P.M." We drove to the man's  
house (I guess it was his) & at 7:00 P.M.  
a meeting started. We cited a pledge  
to communism & discussed business.  
I S.D. is going underground to young  
students who are willing to listen to  
a lecture on communism when their  
minds are "fully open." At the price of  
communism they will be supplied they  
are to interest young students who are  
unsatisfied with present life.  
on 30th April, we discussed a plan

negro rebellion by changing bias.

2) If the Court finds the Deadwyler case ~~was~~ to be in favor of Negroes & says the policemen are at fault, then some bands are going to attack American court system by saying the Courts are afraid of Negroes & attack the courts.

3) Five members of the National Guard Reserve have warned us that the National Guard is already alerted for action against Negroes. Certain groups will say the government is afraid of its government, and they are to say that the military is taking over. These units of military, Army, navy, marines, militia, reserves, are to be called communists and all faith in them lost.

Since you will need special proof go there at Casey's Big Liquor before 8:00 P.M. & ask for special scratch sheet. You will then follow the group.  
(over)

They have two men running it  
& sometimes they go & sometimes someone  
else takes us. I can't be there,  
I have not used my real name with  
you or them for my protection & violated  
the law by bringing the 4 boys &  
others to F. D. R's meetings to overthrow  
the government. The liquor store is  
next to drugstore on the Imperial off of  
Paramount. When these events take  
place about what I have said,  
especially about the reserve guard,  
you'll know I am truthful. Meetings  
are always at different times as the  
scratch sheet special shows, but it  
is always on everyday with the number  
ending in 20 - 10th, 20th, 30th.

of youth acceptance of communism not only through S.S.D., but through rejection of adult supervision. The adults say Communism is bad so teens turn to it as a matter of getting even. This meeting was at another man's house.

On May 10th, I brought 9 students to the liquor store who wanted S.S.D + parental revenge. About 70 new members were there + the "fine points" of communism were being discussed one hour after S.S.D. was dispersed. I even listened more intently. I received \$50.00 for the people I brought in.

On May 20th with more youths than ever, we discussed the furthering of Communism by have youths point out certain things in DeWey's Case:

1) If the hearing finds the policeman not at fault, a group is to invite

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SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

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Flyer concerning Executive  
Orders Describing Government  
Take-over, distributed by  
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Executive Orders From the Federal Register  
Describing Government Take-over

Federal Register, Record of all laws, executive orders and executive proclamations adopted or approved by Congress, can be read in Los Angeles County Library (First & Broadway, Main Floor, Alcove 4) and at other libraries in the city. This series of Executive Orders was signed by President Kennedy on February 16, 1962.

- E.O. #10995 -- Take-over of communications media.
- E.O. #10997 -- Take-over of all electrical power, petroleum and gas, fuels and minerals.
- E.O. #10998 -- Take-over of food resources and farms (including all equipment for farming).
- E.O. #10999 -- Take-over of all modes of transportation and control of highways, seaports, etc.
- E.O. #11000 -- Mobilization of all civilians into work force under government supervision.
- E.O. #11001 -- Government take-over of all health, education and welfare functions.
- E.O. #11002 -- Designates Postmaster General to operate a national registration of all persons.
- E.O. #11003 -- Government to take over all airports and aircraft.
- E.O. #11004 -- Housing and Finance Authority to relocate communities -- build new housing with public funds--designate land areas to be abandoned as unsafe--and establish new locations for population--complete integration will be enforced hereby under J.F.K.'s latest executive order against discrimination in housing built with public funds.
- E.O. #11005 -- Government to take over railroads, inland waterways and public storage facilities.
- E.O. #11051 -- Designates responsibilities of office of emergency planning; gives authorization to put all other executive orders into effect in times of increased international tension or economic or financial crisis.

Part One-- Sec. 101 d -- herein states (the Director) is to .. perform such additional functions as the President may from time to time direct.

\* THE CIVIL DEFENSE & DISASTER BOARD of your city has the power to enforce these orders. On occasion of any crisis, real or MANUFACTURED, The Civil Defense Board notifies the Mayor; he notifies the Governor; he notifies the President. Upon the latter's O.K., the entire program automatically goes into effect. The state and federal governments take over your business, your job, your home, your personal property AND YOUR PERSON. You will be rounded up and transported in trucks and busses to areas which THEY designate. You will be ordered to work at tasks which they determine. There will be no going back... Your homes will be razed and rebuilt by the Government under pretext of clearing a "dangerous" area; housing thereafter will be under government control. THIS IS IT.

In Los Angeles, the Civil Defense & Disaster Board & Corps was created by Ordinance #97600, as amended in its entirety by Ordinance #102735, inclusive of Ord. #105699, passed by the L.A. City Council on January 26, 1951, and signed by Mayor Bowron on the same day.

\* WRITE YOUR COUNCILMAN urging repeal of this dangerous legislation!

\* E.O. #11310 -- Assigning Emergency Preparedness Functions to the Attorney General, by-passing any Congressional authority. Presently there is no Attorney General. His functions are being carried out by an assistant who has not taken any oath.

Passed out by [redacted] at our Mission Canyon Chapter,  
SA meeting at El Encanto Hotel, January 5th, 1967

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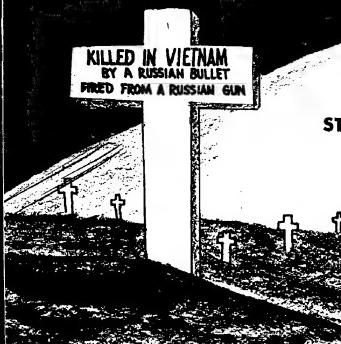


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Attention: Special Agent in Charge



# Hilaire du Berrier

STRAIGHT FROM VIET NAM FOR THESE ENGAGEMENTS

Subject

## VIET NAM WHY NOT WIN?



Hilaire du Berrier is an American who knows Viet Nam and has spent thirty years reporting on affairs from the Orient. His recent book, *BACKGROUND TO BETRAYAL — TRAGEDY OF VIET NAM*, published in 1965, has become a handbook for understanding the Vietnamese.

By November 7, 1941, Mr. du Berrier had already been in Asia more than four years, where he had been writing articles for America on the Japanese invasion of Indochina. Although he served as Newsweek's correspondent in Shanghai, his extensive knowledge of Asian affairs is not based merely on journalistic observation.

Mr. du Berrier's experience in Asia is vast and varied. He piloted a courier plane between Hankow and Nanking and operated Free China's underground radio stations. His courage and ingenuity was recognized by a special citation from the Nationalist Chinese government. He was also decorated by the French Government for helping the French resistance group known as Reseau Mingant, which was responsible for saving the lives of many American fliers. Following VJ Day, he served as Far East Specialist for the American OSS.

Much could be written about the three years he spent in the Japanese prison camp in Shanghai and how he defied the torture chamber under Japanese brutality. In 1955 he accompanied the Vietnamese mission to the Big Four conference in Geneva. These are but highlights of Mr. du Berrier's amazing career.

Just prior to this lecture tour, he spent eight weeks in Viet Nam in order to bring you this up to the minute report. This recent trip, coupled with his thirty-year background on affairs from the Orient, qualify him as one of the few real experts on the causes and consequences of this third largest war in American history.

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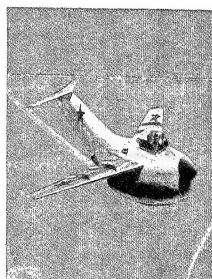
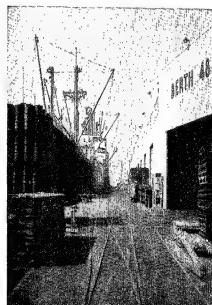
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# WHEN ARE WE GOING TO WIN IN VIET NAM AND WHY NOT ?



## EXPORTS

### AMERICAN EXPORTS: MONEY, BLOOD AND PROPAGANDA

American troop commitments in Vietnam have now surpassed Korea, making this the third largest war in American history. While our fighting men give their lives to halt Communist aggression in Asia, the streets of America are filled with demonstrators and draft card burners openly calling for a Vietcong victory. Can you imagine public opinion tolerating the Nazis staging such demonstrations during World War II?

Blood and money for medical supplies have been collected at our universities and exported to the Communists. America's college campuses, once the citadels of scholarship and learning are being exploited by beatnik rabble rousers. Self-proclaimed Communists, by creating civil turmoil, are attempting to build a fifth column movement within the United States. All of this is being used by the Communists as their number one propaganda weapon, both within this country and around the world.

## IMPORTS

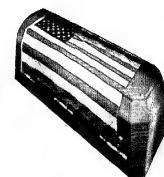
### OUR POLITICIANS EXPORT: VALUABLE WAR MATERIALS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

President Johnson in his State of the Union message said: "Your government, assisted by leaders in labor and business, is now exploring ways to increase peaceful trade with these countries (of Eastern Europe) and with the Soviet Union." On October 7, 1966, the President revealed his belief that it was in the "national interest" to "build bridges to the East" by granting loans to Communist countries through the Export-Import Bank.

The *New York Times* of October 13, 1966, reported that the government will allow the following items to be ex-

ported under President Johnson's new policy: crude and manufactured rubber, metal ores and scrap, petroleum, gas and derivatives, chemical compounds and products, metal products and machinery, and scientific and professional instruments. *Business Week* of October 15, 1966, announced the list of "non-strategic" exports would include: "airborne navigation equipment and ground and marine radar."

Remember when we sold scrap iron to the Japanese?



AMERICAN IMPORTS: SEVEN THOUSAND PINE BOXES

American imports now consist of over seven thousand pine boxes. Each one contains a dead Amer-

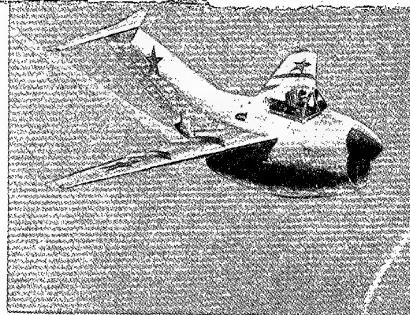
### COMMUNIST BLOC EXPORT: WAR MATERIALS TO NORTH VIETNAM

Havana (AP) 1-7-66 "A Soviet representative told the Tri-Continental Conference of Revolutionaries Thursday the U.S.S.R. is "doing everything possible so that Soviet technical equipment—planes, missiles, artillery, ammunition, and other aid—reach the hands of the Vietnamese..."

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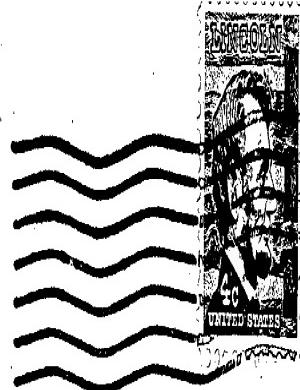
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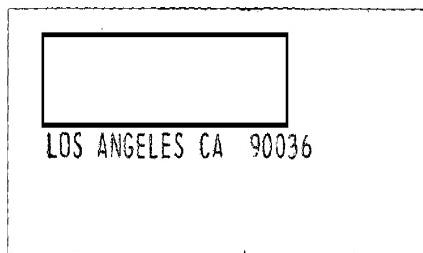
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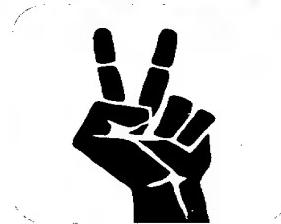
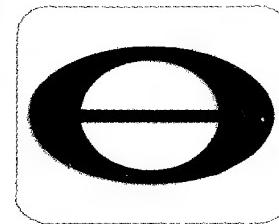
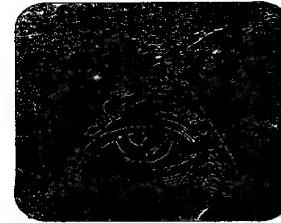
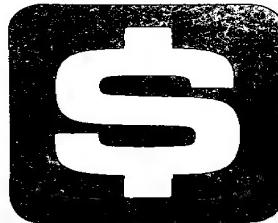
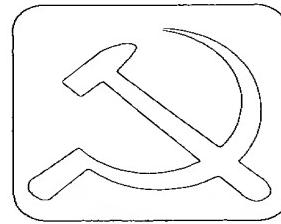
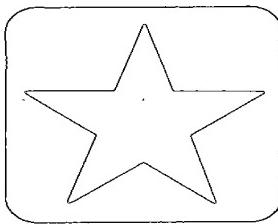
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WITH LARRY ABRAHAM



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## Title and Character of Case

**JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;  
ROBERT WELCH, Founder**

**INTERNAL SECURITY (INFORMATION CONCERNING)**

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| Date Property Acquired                | Source From Which Property Acquired                                  |
| 28-60                                 | California Air National Guard (See serial 5)                         |
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| Bulky exhibit room                    | Reference, indefinitely retained                                     |

## Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Submitted by SA

1. One copy of booklet entitled "The Blue Book of The John Birch Society" Second Printing, Copyright 1959 by Robert Welch.

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# The John Birch Society

## A REPORT

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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CAPTAIN JOHN BIRCH  
U.S. ARMY

ADVERTISING SUPPLEMENT TO  
**Los Angeles Times**

SEPTEMBER 27, 1964

# JOHN BIRCH

## WHAT HE LIVED FOR

*"A young man  
came to the plains of China  
from far-away America.  
  
He came  
to teach Chinese people  
of the Christian way of life."*

John Birch was his name - 22 years old - a Baptist missionary - caught in the midst of the war with Japan. His career interrupted, on July 4, 1942, he joined General Chennault's American Volunteer group. He lived and worked and fought with the Chinese Army, gaining their respect - preaching Christianity where he could. Walking hundreds of miles through enemy lines, he became the eyes and ears of America's 14th Air Force. Speaking Chinese and disguised often as a coolie, he became a legend in his own time. "Where brave men were common, John was the bravest man I knew," said a comrade in arms.

General Charles B. Stone was more specific, "... Birch, over a period of two years, during which he was almost continually in the field, living under the most primitive conditions and constantly in close proximity to the enemy, achieved phenomenal success."

General Chennault expressed the love and admiration of all who knew him, "I have always felt towards him as a father might feel towards a son."



*John Birch taught Chinese children at Hangchow, conducted services with Chinese ministers.*

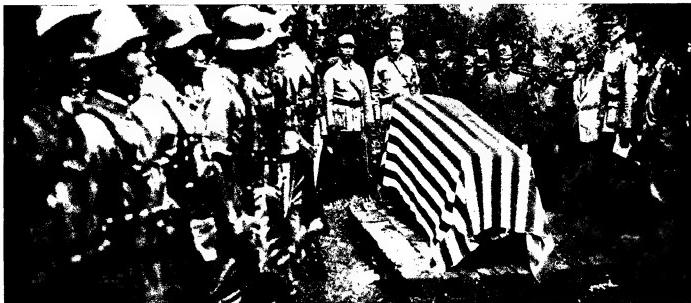


*Captain Birch while in sight of targets directed air strikes against the Japanese by radio.*



*Captain Birch receiving the Legion of Merit from General Chennault.*

*Burial of Captain Birch, with full military honors, on a hillside on the outskirts of Hsuchow.*



During the long war Captain Birch never lost sight of his spiritual goal. On August 13, 1945, he wrote in the last letter of his life, "Yesterday, Sunday morning, I held a service especially thanking God for bringing us to the eve of victory . . . Father, do not worry about my 'turning back in the furrow.' As it pleases God to use my voice for preaching His Gospel, I expect to be doing that."

Twelve days later John lay dead in a ditch near the town of Hsuchow—shot and cruelly bayoneted by "our Chinese Communist allies." His death was known and mourned all over China, for he had become a symbol of Christianity, of true brotherhood and humility, and of the goodness and strength of America. The cruel murder of Captain Birch was a grim warning by the Red Chinese to all who would oppose their 20th century barbarism.

On November 16, 1945, Adeline Gray, who was herself a newspaper woman as well as former instructor at Nankai, wrote John's parents that "Had not the truth been suppressed, Captain Birch's death would have headlined every newspaper in the United States." But the news reached America only through private sources.

The fact that Communism's powerful friends in Washington could hide the truth of his death was a minor evidence of the domination of foreign policy which could smother in the same year the on-the-spot report by Patrick Hurley (our Ambassador to China) of China's betrayal; could completely suppress the official China report of General Wedemeyer; could stop the flow of all military supplies to Chiang Kai-shek, and with raw gall broadcast that Chinese Communists were agrarian reformers and truly democratic. Senator William F. Knowland stated that if the story of John Birch could have been known and understood, it could have made a huge difference in our attitude and the circumstances that led to our engagement in Korea.

It is a testimony to the active Christian faith which John Birch preached that his story is today known and that the symbol of his life, which the Communists tried to stamp out, now guides the society that bears his name.

## WHAT HE DIED FOR

*"He died at the hands  
of the Red Chinese  
—first victim  
in a long, long war."*



# WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

Recently a young woman was knifed to death on the streets of New York. The assailant made three separate attacks spaced over a period of thirty minutes. The killing was clearly witnessed by thirty-eight people from the safety of their homes. Anyone of them could have saved her by simply calling the police . . . but no one did. When questioned by the police they answered, "I didn't want to get involved." Some watched with curiosity as Katherine Genovese pleaded for her life. Others found the scene frightening and pulled down the curtain.

Is there a moral breakdown in our country today? Have we become so callous that we do not care if another being lives or dies?

How are we reacting to the realities of our world? What do we think of the steady gain of Communism - of the millions killed, tortured and enslaved by this criminal conspiracy? Do we still laugh at Khrushchev's claim that our children will live under Communism? Do we shrug off Cuba? Will we shrug off Mexico? Are we concerned about the certain, documented, real influence Communism exercises in Washington? Do we watch with curiosity? Do we pull down the curtain on these disturbing thoughts? Do we draw the warm covers of apathy around our necks?

The goals of The John Birch Society may be summarized as: less government, more individual responsibility, and a better world. The immediate purpose of the Society is to play a leading role in stopping and routing the international Communist conspiracy.

Under Lenin the Communists adopted a three-step strategy for conquest of the world. They have not departed from it since. The plan can be paraphrased as follows:

1. *Take Eastern Europe.* Except for Greece and the city of Istanbul, this was completed by 1950.
2. *Gain control of the mass and masses of Asia.* Today this is more than 80% accomplished.
3. *Encirclement and infiltration of the United States.* Now more than 50% accomplished.

The Communist program requires the breakdown of existing governments, destruction of law and order, and the creation of chaos. Riots are one tool of Communist take-over. Assassination is another. Communists glorify violence, it is their most persuasive weapon, and the American people are seeing it at work now in our own country.

Communists work for the gradual but complete destruction of the three great human loyalties - to God, to family and to country. Today you are seeing widespread and tragic results of the insidious forces at work to that end. For the Communists simply cannot permit any lasting loyalty except to themselves.

The John Birch Society realizes that Communism will not be stopped by a half-hearted or left-handed effort. For this reason its members are dedicated and completely committed. They demand of themselves more sacrifice and more work than they have ever put into any organization. This, combined with a unity of purpose and a common understanding that Communism is completely counter to the "upward reach" in man - the realization of man created in God's image - gives The John Birch Society its strength and ever increasing influence.

Members of The John Birch Society realize the grim truth that all of us are involved whether we like it or not. The Communists leave us no choice.

# WE ARE INVOLVED



Robert Welch, Founder of The John Birch Society

## HE HAS STIRRED THE SLUMBERING SPIRIT

The Founder of The John Birch Society is Robert Welch. In the candy manufacturing business all his adult life, he served as a Director of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years. An author, philosopher and historian, Mr. Welch gave up most of his business responsibilities in 1957 to devote practically all of his time and energy to the study of communism. He formed the first working chapters of The John Birch Society in 1959 and serves today as its leader without pay.

Mr. Welch has stated in *The Blue Book*,

"It is my fervent hope that The John Birch Society will last for hundreds of years, and exert an increasing influence for the temporal good and the spiritual ennoblement of mankind throughout those centuries."

Mr. Welch's writings have created widespread comment — some critical. Few were ready to believe him when he warned of the impending Communist take-overs by Castro in Cuba, Ben Bella in Algeria, and Sukarno in Indonesia. But with events proving him correct again and again, his writings are now closely scrutinized by all serious students of anti-Communism.

"There is no question," as *National Review* pointed out, "that he has stirred the slumbering spirit of patriotism in thousands of Americans, roused them from lethargy, and changed their apathy into a deep desire to first learn the facts about communism and then implement that knowledge with effective and responsible action."

Mr. Welch with his wife, Marian.



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The top advisory body in matters of organization and policy for The John Birch Society is the COUNCIL. The members are shown below:



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# THE ORGANIZATION



*Former Congressman John H. Rousselot (right) is National Director of Public Relations for the Society and Publisher of American Opinion Magazine. He is shown with (L to R) Willard S. Voit, American Opinion Libraries Representative, and Donald Harper, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Rousselot.*



*A meeting of California Major Coordinators D. Richard Pine and Coordinators*

## OPEN AND ABOVEBOARD . . .

### *But Structured To Withstand Planned Attacks*

The organization of the Society is simple. A Local Chapter, which has between 10 and 20 members, is led by a Chapter Leader. Usually a Chapter is formed by someone in the neighborhood who is concerned about Communism, and who invites his friends to join with him to hold an introductory meeting. A full time Coordinator gives assistance and direction to the Chapters.



# WELCOME!

*Anyone sincerely seeking information about the Society is welcome at a Chapter meeting.  
Meetings are held once a month, usually in a member's home.*



*Although it has been made unmistakably clear many times in the publications of The John Birch Society, it is well to note again that no member is ever obliged to carry out any action or project the fulfillment of which would be contrary to his conscience."*

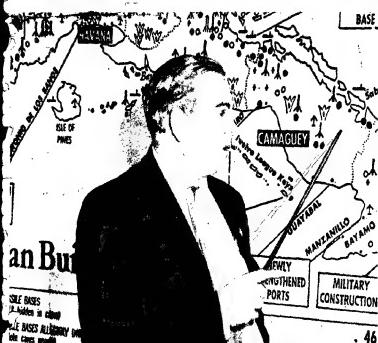
FATHER FRANCIS E. FENTON, M.A., S.T.L.

## ACTION PROGRAMS

The impact of the Society's action programs is due to the fact that the members are well informed and act in unison. The effectiveness of each individual member is multiplied many thousand times by this concerted effort.



*Distribution of Anti-Communist Literature*

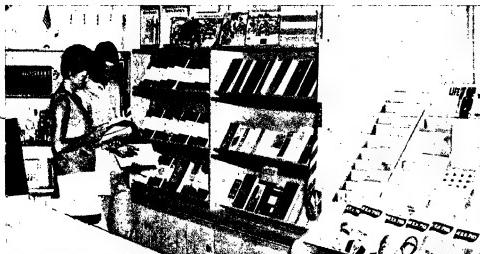


*The American Opinion Speakers' Bureau provides speakers for small and large audiences all over the United States. Here Jose Norman, a Cuban exile, speaks on Cuba.*



*Circulation of petitions on important action such as the impeachment of Earl Warren\**

\*Impeachment is a proper legal procedure provided for by the Constitution. It is the only legal means of removing from office the members of the Supreme Court who are appointed by the President for life. Thomas Jefferson set in motion an action to bring about impeachment of Associate Justice Samuel Chase of Maryland. Jefferson wrote in 1821, "It has long been my opinion... that the germ of the dissolution of our Federal Government is in the Constitution of the Federal Judiciary." The John Birch Society sees that dissolution of our government in the present decisions of the Warren Court. The Society has provided a packet of information outlining the reasons why Warren should be impeached.



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Study groups



Inform local merchants of Communist imports



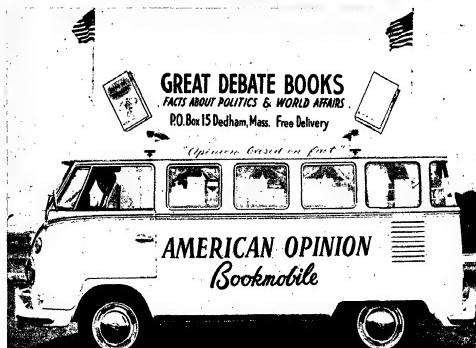
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American Opinion Magazine, published monthly, contains articles of current, vital interest to all Americans.



American Opinion Bookmobile



The John Birch Society Float in Dallas, Texas, Independence Day Parade



# THE CALIFORNIA SENATE INVESTIGATION

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE



## TWELFTH REPORT OF THE SENATE FACTFINDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

1963

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### *Additional Note:*

The Senate report also covers Mr. Welch's widely criticized statements concerning the Truman and Eisenhower administrations. The statements were contained in lengthy letters in which Mr. Welch queried his friends as to the reasons for the rise of Soviet power in the face of United States supremacy following World War II. These letters, not intended for publication, were written at the time the Eisenhower administration was following some of the liberal positions toward world Communism, examples of which were the failure to remove left wing influences from the State Department, the U.S. moratorium on nuclear testing, and accepting Castro as "the Abraham Lincoln of Cuba."

To answer the critics Mr. Welch expanded, slightly revised the letters, and published them in book form in 1963. In the published book, called *The Politician*, Mr. Welch states that the reader can reasonably conclude that President Eisenhower had been deceived by the Communists.

Although Mr. Welch severely condemns the Truman administration's loss of China and the dismissal of General MacArthur, he is just as critical of President Eisenhower for continuing some of the mistaken policies of his predecessors in regard to Communism. Mr. Welch's concern is understandable.

It is important to note that this book is not literature of The John Birch Society. In fact, at the formation of The John Birch Society on December 9, 1958, the original letters were expressly excluded by its Council.

A thorough investigation of The John Birch Society was conducted by the Senate Fact-Finding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities of the State of California under the chairmanship of Senator Hugh Burns (Dem.). Two years in the making, it was released in June of 1963. Quotations follow:

"The attack against The John Birch Society commenced with an article in the *People's World*, California Communist paper, in February, 1961..."

"Our investigation and study was requested by the Society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

"We find The John Birch Society to be a Right, anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization. It was conceived, organized, and is dominated by Mr. Robert Welch, who runs the Society with the aid of a National Council and Advisory Committee."

"Communists are trained to obey a directive or a party assignment, whether they agree with it or not. Members of the Society are constantly told *not* to follow any program or directive unless they agree with it, as may be seen in many of the monthly bulletins sent to the members. When the policies and actions of the Society are no longer supported by a member, he may resign and get a proportional rebate of his annual dues."

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread."

"The organization is open to people of all religions, all races . . ."

"From all sources, we found that there was little more secrecy about the society than any other private organization; indeed, that since there had been so much publicity about this movement, in papers and magazines and general circulation, that it is now probably less secret than the Elks Club, Moose Club, or other private group that accepts members by vote or invitation and does not open its meetings to the general public."

# NATIONAL LEADERS SAY:



J. EDGAR HOOVER, *Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation*

"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about the menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who have been hoodwinked and duped into joining with the Communists."

*Statement before Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, March 26, 1947*



EZRA TAFT BENSON, *United States Secretary of Agriculture, 1953-1960*

"When he (son Reed) joined I expressed my opinion that I was convinced that The John Birch Society was the most effective non-church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Godless Communism. I also stated that I admire Reed's courage and applauded his decision."

*Address Delivered December 19, 1963,  
Boise, Idaho*



W. CLEON SKOUSEN, *Former FBI Agent and Chief of Police, Salt Lake City*

"I certainly would have no quarrel with anyone who wishes to disagree with some idea promulgated by The John Birch Society. In a Republic this should be expected. However, no American should stand by and see a legitimate group of American citizens dishonestly ridiculed and smeared at the instigation of the international Communist conspiracy."



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, *Former President of the United States*

"The John Birch Society is a good, patriotic society. I don't agree with what its founder said about me but that does not detract from the fact that its membership is comprised of many fine Americans dedicated to the preservation of our libertarian Republic."

*Column by George Todd in Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, March 23, 1964*

*W. Cleon Skousen, The Communist Attack on John Birch Society, Page 11*



STROM THURMOND, *United States Senator*

"I'm not a member of The John Birch Society or any of those organizations. I understand they're against Communism, and I'm for any group that's against it (Communism)."

*Greenfield News, Greenfield, South Carolina, February 2, 1962*



REVEREND J. L. WARD, *Minister, Nashville, Tennessee*

"The John Birch Society is one of the greatest organizations in the world today. It is not subversive. Its concern is with justice for all and the peace and dignity of everyone."

*Statement made August 29, 1964*



## WHY HAVE SO MANY JOINED?



*In the words of the California State Senate report . . .*

"We believe that the reason The John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only organization through which they could join in as a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action against its spread."

*In the words of a member . . .*

"For some time, I have been growing more and more concerned with the way in which our nation seemed to be heading and as to what kind of a future my children might expect. When The John Birch Society was presented to me, I knew at once that this was what I had been looking for. The people I have met through John Birch are the finest one could hope to meet."

Mrs. Beth Cleminson, San Gabriel, California.



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*"Merely being patriotic or anti-Communist is not sufficient qualification for membership. We must have associated with us, now and in the future, only men and women of good will, good conscience, and religious ideals. For we are striving to set an example, by dedication, integrity and purpose - in word and deed - which our children's children may follow without hesitation."* ROBERT WELCH

Men and women of integrity and purpose building rededication to God, to family, to country, and to strong moral principles.



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2. One card entitled "Let's End Foreign Aid".
3. One copy of "The Blue Book of The John Birch Society", Second Printing, Copyright 1959 by Robert Welch.
4. Two copies of "The John Birch Society", pamphlets dated 2-29-60.
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April 15, 1960

Newport Beach, California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated April 5, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

The FBI has, from time to time, issued literature concerning the menace of communism. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some of this literature.

I have noted your very kind personal comments, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (7)

1 - Los Angeles (enclosure) (SEE NOTE TO LOS ANGELES, PAGE 2)

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[REDACTED]  
Newport Beach, Calif.

April 5th 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Dept of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the past you have been very kind to answer my letters regarding communism. To me - this is the most consecrated battle all America should fight. It is appalling the way they have infiltrated in all branches of our life - the government- especially in the high places - our schools - and churches.

I have been asked to join the John Birch Society that is fighting communism. There have been so many societies springing up that supposedly are fighting this horrible menace but when you look into them they prove to be only a front. The above mentioned society seems to be above reproach but would appreciate it if you would give me your opinion on it.

As I have written before you and your men are truly the unsung heroes of this battle and with all you have to fight in Washington I sometimes wonder how you have the heart to go on. God bless you all - always.

Enjoyed the article about you in last sunday's Los Angeles Examiner in the Newsweek section. Your praises should be sung from the housetops of all America.

Yours truly,

/s/

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[redacted] U. S. Army, Retired, [redacted]  
 [redacted] telephonically advised on 3/18/60 that he had just read about the explosion of a Northwest-Orient airplane over Indiana in which all aboard were killed. [redacted] stated that the Bureau should give consideration to the fact that maybe some members of the John Birch Society were aboard this plane and communist agents perhaps had destroyed the airplane.

[redacted] was closely questioned as to whether or not this was a supposition on his part or whether he had any specific facts. [redacted] stated that he had no specific factual information and that it was merely a thought which occurred to him.

In view of the nonspecific nature of the information, no action is called for.

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**ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles reveal that correspondent wrote to the Bureau on October 29, 1957, and December 3, 1959, furnishing her observations concerning matters she believed to be of interest to the Bureau. The receipt of these letters was acknowledged on November 8, 1957, and December 11, 1959, and with the latter letter she was furnished a copy of the Director's article, "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality," pursuant to her request.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
3. "Where do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "How to Beat Communism."
6. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
7. "Communist 'New Look.'"

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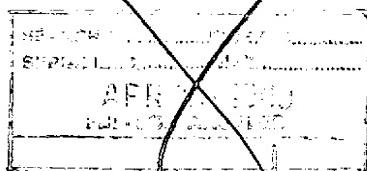
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**RE:**

- For information       For appropriate action       Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

**REMARKS:**

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| JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;<br>ROBERT WELCH, Founder |       | 100-68719<br>100-59001-<br>100-24855-835                         |        |   |            |                           |
| Complainant                                  |       | Complainant's address and telephone number                       |        | Complaint received  |            |                           |
|  |       | General Electric Co.,<br>735 State, S. Barbara                   |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br>Date 4/25/60 Time 11 AM |            |                           |
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## Facts of complaint

Source, [redacted] advised that various employees had been contacted to attend a talk by Robert Welch of the John Birch Society, to be held at the home of [redacted] Santa Barbara, on 4/15/60.

Source advised that an acquaintance, [redacted] did attend the meeting for him, and had written up the attached resume of that meeting.

[redacted] stated the resume need not be returned.

1 - Attach.

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*[Signature]*



COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL DEPT.  
-THE THOMAS SHAHEEN COMPANY  
SALES - LEASES - EXCHANGES

1600 EAST COMPTON BLVD.  
COMPTON, CALIFORNIA  
NE 8-8741 - NE 8-2442

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"RADAR — THE EYES AND EARS OF THE NATION"

*California Air National Guard Base:*  
2320 NORTH PARMELEE AVE.  
COMPTON, CALIFORNIA

[Redacted]  
NE. 1-7173  
NE. 1-5113  
NE. 6-1861

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| Subject's name and aliases<br><b>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY</b>  |   |                          | Address of subject<br><b>Belmont 78 Mass</b>      |                            | Character of case<br><b>SM-C</b>  |
| Complainant<br><b>CAL. AIR NATL. GUARD</b>   |   |                          | Complainant's address and<br><b>Cire, Compton</b> |                            | Complaint received<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br>Date <b>4/28/60</b> Time <b>11:30 A</b> |
| Subject's Description  | Race<br><b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED</b>  | Sex<br><b>Male</b>       | Height<br><b>5'8"</b>                             | Hair<br><b>Black</b>       | Build<br><b>Medium</b>  |
|  | Age<br><b>35</b>  | Weight<br><b>175 lbs</b> | Eyes<br><b>Blue</b>                               | Complexion<br><b>Light</b> | Birth date and Birthplace<br><b>100-59001-5</b>   |
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| Facts of complaint<br><p>C. in company of aide [REDACTED] USAF appeared at office. C. stated that he in company of 300 other Reserve Officers attended National Strategy Seminar on Communism and since that time has been making speeches to Civic Organizations in Los Angeles area. He stated he had received info concerning an anti-communist organization, John Birch Society, and that he wanted to determine if this organization was actually anti-communist, so that if persons ask him what they can do to help fight communism, and to learn true facts concerning communism he can refer them to this organization. He furnished attached book re John Birch Society which he said may be kept. He further stated he has immigrant friend who speaks on communism in Europe, and this friend has been contacted by [REDACTED] of Cooperators Club, MA 2-2732, which meets at Roger Young Auditorium, in order for the friend to make a talk and the friend is expert because he has not been able to get any info on the club. He tried to get info thru La Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Assn. He was advised info on file confidential and he should write D. of J. Suburban section, i.e. organizations cited. Said he had no info, wanted to know if up to job. Said OSI had referred him</p> |   |                          |   |                            |   |
| Action Recommended<br><b>100-0</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Agent) <b>(B)</b><br><b>FBI</b>  |                          |   |                            |   |

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;  
ROBERT WELCH, Founder  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)

Re SAC Letter 60-5(c).

On 4/25/60 [redacted] General Electric Company, 735 State Street, Santa Barbara, California, advised SA [redacted] that various employees of the General Electric Company at Santa Barbara had been contacted to attend a talk by ROBERT WELCH of the John Birch Society which was scheduled to be held at the home of [redacted] at Santa Barbara, California on 4/15/60. [redacted] advised that an acquaintance of his, [redacted] did attend this meeting and furnished him with a written resume of activities which transpired at this meeting.

[redacted] reported that approximately 70 persons attended the meeting of the John Birch Society held on 4/15/60 at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] Santa Barbara. However, the local [redacted] the organization appears to be [redacted]

[redacted] who is listed in the Society's books as a Council member. [redacted] advised that the purpose of the meeting was to hear a three-hour presentation by ROBERT WELCH wherein WELCH recited the history and growth of communism and depicted the present danger to the United States and the rapidly increasing future danger to the United States as posed by communism.

No investigation is being conducted, and the foregoing is being furnished to the Bureau for its information.

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[Redacted]  
**Santa Ynez,  
California**

**April 23, 1960**

**Federal Bureau  
Of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.**

**Dear Sirs,**

I am enclosing a pamphlet and literature put out by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, for your perusal.

An evening intended to interest some 40 to 60 people in the anti-communist work of this organization left me feeling discouraged over the success of communists in accomplishing their objectives to "take over the world" and discontented with my own government and news agencies that they could be so "infiltrated" and controlled by communists.

The evening went "against the grain" of a deep seated trust in my government and my confidence in a positive approach to solve problems.

In all probability there is no real basis for my wariness of this Society, however I would appreciate knowing whether or not it is an approved organization, if you are in a position to tell me.

**Sincerely,**

**/s/** [Redacted]

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May 6, 1960

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[REDACTED] 547-10-3  
[REDACTED]  
Santa Ynez, California

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 23, 1960, with its enclosures, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing you the information you desire.

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DATE 5-6-60 BY SP4-BM/AM (John Edgar Hoover  
Director)

Sincerely yours,

J. E. H.  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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ATTENTION SAC, LOS ANGELES:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

Correspondent enclosed two post cards, both entitled, "Stay Away - USA, The Summit Leads to Disaster," and a pamphlet self-described as the John Birch Society Bulletin for February, 1960.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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Agnew, Calif  
May 16, 1960

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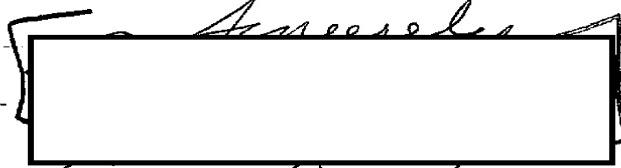
100-59001 Recently we were  
introduced to legislative  
concerning the John  
Birch Society. We would like to have  
all the possible informa-  
tion you have concerning  
this Society. We would  
like to know if they  
follow through with  
their adoptions, or  
if it is merely a front  
for another organization.  
Not being acquainted

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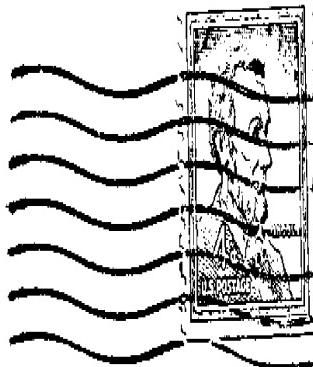
with any organizations  
or societies, we would  
like a complete background  
of the John Birch Society.

This is for our own  
personal research and knowledge.

Thank you!



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The F.B.I.  
Federal Building  
Los Angeles, Calif.

1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California  
May 19, 1960

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[redacted]  
Azusa, California

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of recent date.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand my position in this regard and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Very truly yours,

*JOS*

W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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| Subject's name and aliases<br><b>John Birch Society</b> |                                  |   | Address of subject<br><b>Headquarters Unknown</b>                    |  | Character of case<br><b>SECURITY MATTER-C</b>   |
| Complainant<br>[Redacted]                               |                                  |   | Complainant's address and telephone number<br><b>Glendale 8-1000</b> |  | Complaint received<br><input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br><b>Date 5/12/60 Time 12:30 PM</b> |
| Subject's Description                                   | Race<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Sex<br><input type="checkbox"/> Male<br><input type="checkbox"/> Female | Height<br><input type="checkbox"/>                                   | Hair<br><input type="checkbox"/>       | Build<br><input type="checkbox"/>   |
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Facts of complaint

The complainant advised that he had attended a meeting on the evening of May 11, 1960, in a private home of a person whose name and address he does not know, but in Los Angeles, wherein the John Birch Society had a meeting wherein a film was shown. After viewing this film he concluded that perhaps the John Birch Society was a Communist front organization, inasmuch as the film first appeared to be very anti-Communist but later in the film tore apart Democracy. It was stated that American Democracy was the demagogue of our time; that all its leaders in the Government are Communist; that Senator KENNEDY was helping the Communist; that what the United States should do is to do away with NATO and Summit Conferences. The complainant stated that one of the requirements of belonging to this organization is that the member should take orders without questions, such as when they are told to write to their Congressman and state such and such they are to do as they are told. The complainant stated that he does have a program of the meeting at home, which was not immediately available to him, but that he would mail into this office the program in order that some names might be obtained from it.

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Action Recommended  
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**JAMES E. DALEY**  
(Agent)

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ATTN:

LAST Sunday My closest FRIEND, [REDACTED] ASKED IF I WOULD ATTEND A MEETING OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>. [REDACTED] HAD HEARD OF THE SOCIETY THRU [REDACTED] A MEMBER OF THE WILSHIRE METHODIST CHURCH, WHERE [REDACTED] IS THE YOUTH DIRECTOR.

WE ATTENDED THE MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AT

[REDACTED] home, [REDACTED] Los Angeles.

The meeting opened with a film showing the AMERICAN WAY OF LIVING AND WORKING TOGETHER. THIS FILM WAS TAKEN AT A LARGE MANUFACTURING COMPANY IN MILWAUKEE. IT SHOWED HOW A COMPANY STARTED ON A SMALL SCALE AND GROWINGLY GREW, WITH THE EMPLOYEES HAVING THE BENEFIT OF FREE MEDICAL CARE, RECREATION FACILITIES, ETC. (THIS LASTED 45 MIN)

THEN CAME A FILM BY ROBERT WELCH, FOUNDER OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. (2 HRS) THE FIRST HOUR SHOWED THE EVILS OF COMMUNISM THE SECOND HOUR THE EVILS OF DEMOCRACY!

Tonight I got together with my FRIEND [REDACTED]

(ack. of 16/60)  
(PM:cc) AND HIS FIANCÉE [REDACTED]

THE MEETING AND COMPILED AS MANY NOTES AS WE COULD. WE TO REMEMBER 104-59001.

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WHO ALSO ATTENDED

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They are as follows:

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"NARU OF INDIA IS A COMMUNIST"

"SENATOR JOHN KENNEDY HAS HELPED SUPPORT WORLD COMMUNISM"

"EUROPE CAN BE TAKEN BY THE COMMUNIST BY TELEPHONE"

"THE FIRST RUSSIAN ATOM BOMBS WERE SMUGGLED PIECE BY PIECE OUT OF THE UNITED STATES, ASSEMBLED AND EXPLODED IN RUSSIA BEFORE RUSSIA KNEW HOW TO MAKE THE BOMB"

"AMERICA SHOULD SUPPORT THE DICTATORS OF SOUTH AMERICA"

"WE SHOULD DISBAN NATO AND QUIT THE U.N."

"THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNISTS."

"AMERICAN DEMOCRACY IS THE DEMIGOD OF THE WESTERN WORLD."

There were many more that could be stated if necessary.

This society claims 1,400 members, and wishes to reach a total of 1,000,000.

ANY ONE WHO JOINS MUST TAKE ORDERS FROM THE TOP COMMAND WITH OUT QUESTION, OR LEAVE THE SOCIETY. ORDERS WILL CONSIST OF WRITING LETTERS TO STATESMEN AGAINST ISSUES THAT THE SOCIETY DOES NOT SUPPORT.

Also REQUEST THAT PUBLIC LIBRARIES HAVE BOOKS OK'D BY THE SOCIETY.

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The home where this meeting was held, as stated before, belongs to [redacted] [redacted] is in the import export business. He teaches the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class at the Wilshire Methodist Church. Just before Easter he tried to interest his Sunday school class in joining the before mentioned society.

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The INFORMATION ON [redacted] WAS GIVEN TO ME  
by [redacted]

IF I WERE ABLE TO SPEAK TO YOU I MOST LIKELY  
COULD REMEMBER MORE INFORMATION, BUT WHAT IS  
HERE HAS CONVINCED [redacted] AND MYSELF  
THAT THE SOCIETY IS DEFINITELY ANTI-DEMOCRATIC IF  
NOTHING ELSE.

I CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW AN AVERAGE PERSON  
COULD FALL FOR THIS LINE. THERE WERE ABOUT  
14 PEOPLE AT THIS MEETING BUT AS FAR AS I COULD SEE  
THEY WERE NOT TOO CONVINCED BY THE FILM.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHERE I MAY OBTAIN A  
LIST OF RELIABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AS I AM VERY MUCH  
INTERESTED IN FIGHTING COMMUNISM, AS ARE  
[redacted]

IF YOU WISH TO CHECK MY SINCERITY I'M SURE  
MY SERVICE FILE WILL HELP (U.S.A.F. 1950-54) [redacted]

Sincerely

[redacted]

Glendale 4-1121

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1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California  
May 16, 1960

[Redacted]  
Glendale 6, California

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of May 12, 1960, and its enclosures. The patriotic interest which prompted you to make this information available is sincerely appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has never compiled such a list as you request. The thought occurs to me that you may be interested in securing a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities of the U. S. House of Representatives. This pamphlet contains groups and periodicals which have been cited as subversive by various local and federal agencies. A copy can be purchased for thirty-five cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Corner of North Capitol and H Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

*Pm*

W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

May 9, 1960

100-59001-14

Dear Mr. Hoover:

During the last few weeks, my attention has been called to an organization called "The John Birch Society". It is composed of a group of people who are interested in upholding and restoring basic American principles of government. I am very favorably impressed with the Group and the literature that I have read that they are responsible for. However, a friend who learned of my interest in the Society has declared that she has heard that it is Communist inspired. I find this hard to believe but certainly do not want to be a part of any activity that is so inspired.

My friend has asked me to inquire as to your opinion of it, so I would appreciate it very much if you will send me any information you may have on it.

Respectfully yours,

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[redacted]

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Santa Monica, California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated May 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and as such does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

① - Los Angeles (Enclosure) (SEE NOTE)

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC letter 60-5.

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May 20, 1960

[Redacted]  
Santa Ana, California

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter dated May 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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① Los Angeles

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Correspondent advised that he has been asked (info) to join the John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts. He is interested in supporting any organization which opposes the communist movement as long as the organization is beyond reproach. He requested the Bureau furnish him any information concerning this society. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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ROSAN INC.

Designers and Manufacturers of the World's Finest Precision Fasteners  
2901 West Coast Highway . Liberty 8-5533 . Newport Beach, California

May 10, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have recently become very interested in the John Birch Society which, I believe, was originated by Mr. Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts.

I would appreciate very much knowing something concrete about this organization (not merely that it does not appear on the Attorney General's list), and the sources which the Bureau would recommend for my inquiring into the background of Mr. Welch. I am very much in accord with the views, objectives and operations of this society, but because of the manner in which they operate, it is imperative to me that I know much more about the gentlemen heading up the organization. I also believe that there must be some way for a person to appraise people and organizations which influence our political views, and hence I am turning to the Bureau for guidance.

Thank you in advance, I will await your reply.

Sincerely yours,

/s/



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Rosan, Incorporated  
2901 West Coast Highway  
Newport Beach, California

Dear [redacted]:

Your letter dated May 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau not to comment upon the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I am unable to suggest a source from which the information you have requested may be obtained.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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December 1, 1958

ROBERT WELCH

Born December 1, 1899, on a farm in Chowan County, North Carolina. Ancestry, full of farmers and Baptist preachers, traceable to one Miles Welch who came to this country from Wales in 1720. Educated at University of North Carolina (four years), United States Naval Academy (two years), Harvard Law School (two years), and school of hard knocks (about forty years). Came to Boston from North Carolina in 1919. Has lived in Belmont for the past twenty years. Has one wife, two sons, a Golden Retriever dog, and fourteen golf clubs -- none of which he understands.

Has spent a great part of his life getting from where he was to where he wasn't, for reasons which seemed worthwhile at the time. This includes two trips to England specifically to study the effects of the Socialist government; one trip around the world; and fairly extensive additional traveling in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Author of THE ROAD TO SALESMANSHIP, published in 1941 by the Ronald Press Company; of MAY GOD FORGIVE US, published in 1952 by Henry Regnery Company; and of THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH, published in 1954 by Henry Regnery Company. Is editor and publisher of AMERICAN OPINION, a monthly magazine which reviews current events and appraises contemporary leaders on the world-wide stage. Has done much public speaking, and will climb on a soapbox to argue against the evils of socialism whenever anybody will listen.

Has been in the candy manufacturing business all of his adult life. Was for many years Vice-President, in charge of sales and advertising, of James O. Welch Company, with factories in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Mansfield, Massachusetts, and Los Angeles, California; and of its subsidiary sales corporations in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Seattle. Is a director of one bank, and has served as a director of several other business corporations.

Was a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years. Also served three years as a regional vice-president of NAM, and two years as chairman of its Educational Advisory Committee. Has been active in many other business associations and committees, and in many community and educational activities -- including service on the Belmont School Committee.

As of January 1, 1957, Mr. Welch gave up most of his business responsibilities -- and most of his income -- in order to devote practically all of his time and energy to the anti-Communist cause. Believes that the only thing the Communist now fear is having the truth become widely known, to the American people, about the methods and the progress of the whole international Communist conspiracy. For his readers or his listeners, Mr. Welch simply puts together clear but separate facts about the Communist advance, so that their significance becomes more apparent. Through this method he is trying to wake up as many of his fellow citizens as he can, to the horror and the imminence of the dangers which they face.

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But this presentation has also been compressed into a six-hour recording, duplicates of which are now being played back to small groups almost every day. (With short recesses, or coffee breaks and a luncheon break, the actual time required is about eight hours.) In this presentation Mr. Welch attempts: (1) To outline the nature and the frightening advance of the threats against our nation, our religion, and our civilization; (2) to evaluate these dangers, and place them in their proper perspective, against the backdrop of world history and the rise of western civilization; (3) to set forth a positive philosophy and program to which men of good will, religious ideals, and humane traditions may rally with confidence and determination; (4) to offer leadership which can make the dedication of such men and women more constructive and more fruitful; and (5), to describe in detail the organization, function, and procedures of The John Birch Society.

Why haven't I heard more about The John Birch Society?

Partly because it is still so young. But mainly because we avoid all publicity as far as is practicable. It is our purpose to build strength and understanding, not to create noise.

What is expected of its members?

A great deal. You should not join The John Birch Society unless you are truly dedicated to the cause of less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Many of the specific actions requested of our members must, necessarily, seem relatively unimportant. But the sum total of them all, faithfully carried out by all of our members, will become increasingly important indeed. Not one of us can be afraid of the drudgery of actual work, for "without drudgery all of our dreams are dust."

Enclosed with this memorandum will be a bulletin of the Society for a recent month. That bulletin will make clear, by illustration, some of the specific things, and the kind of things, our members ~~are~~ asked to do. But one bulletin can tell only a small part of the story. And all bulletins together, for many months, would merely emphasize what we want our members to do, without stressing what we want our members to be, which is more important. The enabling aspects of membership will become apparent only with time, and with a full understanding of the Society's aspirations for its members and itself.

How may I join The John Birch Society?

You may apply for membership in the Home Chapter at any time, by signing the enclosed form and mailing it to us with a year's dues. If the application is not approved, of course your dues will be returned. If it is approved, you will be welcomed into a brotherhood of men and women devoted to an inspiring cause.

As soon as a local working chapter is established in your area, your membership may be transferred to that chapter if you wish. Or if you become sufficiently interested and dedicated to act as a Chapter Leader, and to form a local chapter yourself, we shall be glad to give you all necessary information, guidance, and cooperation.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

A preliminary and condensed statement

July 4, 1959

What is The John Birch Society?

It is an organization of Americans who have voluntarily joined together: (1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives and our civilization; (2) to prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before; and (3), to restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the gloriously humane traditions, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been officially summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

What is its origin and history?

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch, at a meeting in Indianapolis, on December 9, 1958. It now has local working chapters in six states, and additional chapters are being formed every week. Its immediate goal is fifteen hundred working chapters by December 31, 1959.

There is also a Home Chapter, which maintains contact with its members and coordinates their activities entirely by mail. There are already members of this Home Chapter in about twenty states, and the list includes many of the most influential and highly regarded men and women in our country.

Who is John Birch?

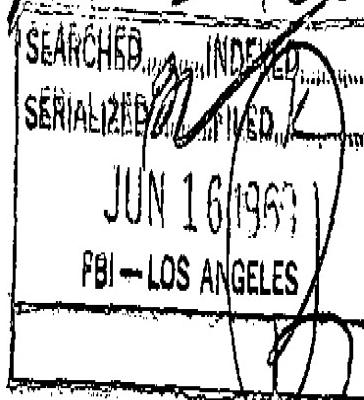
John Birch is dead. He was a young Christian missionary, from a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when we entered World War II. He joined Chennault's forces as a volunteer, organized Chennault's intelligence, rose to the rank of captain in the U. S. Army, and served with unsurpassable bravery and brilliance throughout the war. Ten days after V-J day, while in uniform, on a peaceful and official mission for our government, he was brutally murdered in cold blood by our "allies," the Chinese Communists. You have probably never heard of John Birch, simply because the Communists in Washington planned it that way. We believe that his short but outstanding and memorable life typifies the best of America that we have named our organization in his memory.

How are chapters of the Society formed?

In order to explain, fully and clearly, the background, methods, and purposes of The John Birch Society, Mr. Welch prefers to hold two-day meetings. For we are digging far more deeply into the problems we face, and building far more solidly in our coordinated effort to overcome the destructive forces around us, than the loose word "organization" is likely to suggest. And many of these full two-day meetings have already been held with small groups in different parts of the country.

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Los Angeles, California

June 1, 1960

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that there are several chapters of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in the Los Angeles area, some in the general Pasadena section (specific number not known to source) and similarly in Beverly Hills, Long Beach, San Fernando Valley, Palos Verdes Peninsula, as well as a chapter in Santa Barbara, California.

It is source's understanding that the Society has two paid coordinators in the state of California and several voluntary unpaid coordinators. Such a paid coordinator is [redacted] Berkeley, California, who travels through the state on Society business. The source stated he understands an assistant or voluntary and unpaid coordinator for JBS is [redacted] [redacted] Palos Verdes Estates, a pilot for American Airlines. [redacted] is attached to Chapter 88, Palos Verdes Estates.

[redacted] Source furnished a recent informal notice signed by [redacted] encouraging Chapter 88 members to do a number of things, such as write to [redacted] United Nations, New York City, to ask, "Who murdered BANG-JENSEN?" [redacted] also urged members to write to Senator THOMAS J. DODD, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., encouraging an investigation of the BANG-JENSEN case by the Senate Internal Security Committee. [redacted] letter further urged JBS members to contact three major airlines (American, United and Eastern) to place the weekly political newsletter "Human Events" in their passenger planes.

Other activity urged by [redacted] is to "mail cards and letters regarding the Summit Conference--'Stay away U.S.A. The summit leads to disaster.'" JBS Chapter 88 members were also urged to have lists of conservatives ready for the next chapter

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meeting and to read listed books: MATT CVETIC's "The Big Decision," CROCKETT's "Roosevelt's Road to Russia" and WIDENER's "Behind the U.N. Front."

Source said another person active in the JBS in the Palos Verdes area is [redacted] with the Union Carbide Chemicals Co., division of Union Carbide Corporation, 3651 Del Amo Boulevard, Torrance, California.

This source also advised that he understood that the JBS Beverly Hills chapter includes the following members: JOHN WAYNE, noted Hollywood producer; [redacted] nationally-known movie columnist; RONALD REAGAN, prominent actor and television personality; [redacted] Hollywood actress; [redacted] Hollywood actor; and [redacted] Hollywood screen and playwright.

Another source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that the initial Los Angeles JBS Chapter No. 48, recently founded in Pasadena, California, has generated in the past months to include the following: Pasadena - two chapters; South Pasadena - one chapter; Altadena - one chapter; La Crescenta - one chapter; San Marino - one chapter.

This source stated attempts have been made in the above-mentioned Pasadena area specifically to interest members of the Junior League, which comprises among others young matrons of socially-prominent families, and that some success in this regard was made.

This source additionally advised that the original tapes of ROBERT WELCH's discussion of the foundation and aims of the JBS in 1959 have now been converted to a sound film currently in use to interest potential recruits.

Source further advised that a recent notable member of the JBS in the Los Angeles area is [redacted] of PHILIP CHANDLER, Executive Vice President, Times-Mirror Co. 202 West First St., Los Angeles. Source described [redacted] as an enthusiastic and diligent JBS addition. The CHANDLER family in Los Angeles has been long identified with the "Los Angeles Times," metropolitan daily newspaper.

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This source also indicated that one of the major activities of the JBS in recent months was nationally to alert legislators and principals of the federal government by mail and otherwise to avoid a Summit Conference with the Soviet. Source said that mail in the thousands was used by JBS in this campaign.

Another source who was in a position to furnish reliable information but with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability has advised that he attended a recent two-day recruiting session of JBS in the Los Angeles area chaired by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr., founder of the Society.

About forty people attended from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with WELCH discoursing lengthily on the aims and concepts of the Society. This source recognized among those present BRUCE REGAN, California State Assemblyman from Pasadena, and [redacted] General Plant Protection Co., 2515 West Seventh St., Los Angeles.

Source noted that Mr. WELCH declined to state the number of members or the identity of local chapters of JBS.

WELCH emphasized the Society's concept of less government, more responsibility with a resultant better world.

According to source, dues are \$24 annually or \$2 a month; and chapter membership is limited to twenty, upon attainment of which a new chapter is formed.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.,  
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Remylets 2/3/60 and 5/2/60; re SAC Letter 60-5  
dated 1/26/60.

Attached for the Bureau's further information is  
letterhead memorandum concerning current activities of the  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) in the Los Angeles area.

Copies are furnished to San Francisco and San Diego  
for information.

Also enclosed are copies of a one-sheet biographical  
sketch of ROBERT H. W. WELCH and a two-sheet statement of  
purposes of the JBS.

Information furnished in paragraphs 1-4 is from  
[redacted] Los Angeles panel source, a member of the  
Home Chapter of JBS (i.e. on the records of JBS headquarters,  
Belmont, Mass.) but acquainted sketchily with general Los  
Angeles activities of JBS.

Source of information in paragraphs 5-9 is [redacted]  
[redacted] Pasadena, who is the [redacted]  
or a [redacted] New York City, herself  
active in Pasadena JBS affairs.

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Source of information paragraph 9 to the end is [redacted] Armed Forces Retired Reserve, 7929 Hollywood Blvd., former editor of "Western Publications," who is not known to be a member of the JBS.

The attached letterhead memorandum is classified confidential because data reported from [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a panel source of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.

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## Facts of complaint

Complainant inquired as to whether we could furnish any information on the John Birch Society. He was advised of the confidential nature of FBI files. He stated that he had attended a meeting of his Lutheran Church on June 12, 1960, when a man named [redacted] from the John Birch Society had exhibited a motion picture.

Complainant inquired as to where he could write concerning the John Birch Society and whether or not it was a subversive group. He was referred to the U. S. Department of Justice, Attention Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, Washington, D.C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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MemorandumSAC, ~~Los~~ Angeles (100-59001)

DATE: June 7, 1960

FROM : Director, FBI (62-104401)

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A review of the information in reairtel and the memorandum enclosure thereto discloses that the information did not warrant transmittal to the Bureau by airtel; is not the type of material to be designated as "Cinal" material; and the material contained in the memorandum enclosure does not warrant the "Confidential" security classification. The fact that the information was received from a panel source does not justify the security classification. It is also noted that the character of reairtel was listed as "SM-X." The character for transmitting information concerning captioned society should be carried as "Information Concerning, (Internal Security)."

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Dear [redacted]:

Your letter dated June 13, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover

Director

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① - Los Angeles

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Correspondent states that she recently joined the John Birch Society, her impression being it was a true American group. She states that so far it has been "anti" almost everything and she, therefore, requests any information we can give her concerning the organization. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
1340 W. 6th Street  
Los Angeles, California.

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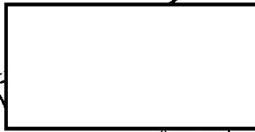
Gentlemen:

I have been approached by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
of Massachusetts to become a member [redacted]

This society appears to be anti-communistic, however  
I would like to have your assurance that it is before I  
committ myself.

As an American I would be willing to join this society  
if it actually will combat the evils that intend to strangle  
us.

Thank you,



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Los Angeles 17, California  
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Lancaster, California

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of May 13, 1960.

Although I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer that we do, or that we do not, have the information you request.

Very truly yours,

*Orn*

W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Lancaster, California  
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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1340 West 6th Street  
Los Angeles 17, California

Gentlemen: Attn: W. G. SIMON

Your response to my letter was very gratifying and I appreciate the time you took to write to me.

I have been led to believe that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be interested in possible subversive activities. Your letter actually has left me speechless. If we cannot get an appraisal from the Department of Justice, then who can we go to?

What would happen to me if I do join this society and it IS communistically inclined? Where is a private citizen to go? If the organization would be subversive, then I could be guilty, in the eyes of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as a person in a group that advocates the overthrow of the United States Government.

What am I to do?

Very truly yours,

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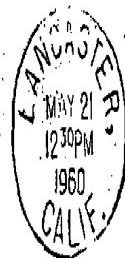
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United States Department of Justice  
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Los Angeles 17, California.

Attn: [REDACTED]

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC(100-22944)

DATE: 6/27/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: EX-~~MEMBER~~ JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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On 6/10/60, negative attempts made to contact [redacted]  
[redacted], Lancaster.

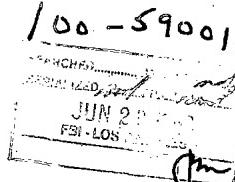
On 6/17/60, [redacted] above address, was located, and she advised that her husband understood that FBI files were confidential, and that the FBI could not comment on the John Birch Society. She said her husband writes to Congressmen, Senators, the President, and to J. Edgar Hoover on matters of a ~~subversive~~ subversive nature. She displayed a letter from Hoover dated 4/60 in which he thanked [redacted] for his comments concerning MASTERS OF DECEIT.

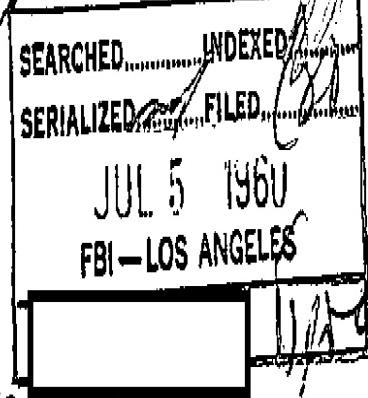
She also displayed a list of booklets pertaining to Communism which her husband had obtained from the government printing office.

On 6/24/60, [redacted] was located at Edwards AFB, his place of employment, at which time he stated that he now understood FBI files were confidential, and stated that in his letter of 5/20/60, he was merely expressing amazement that the FBI could not state whether or not an agency was subversive. The position of the FBI in this type of investigation was explained to him, as well as confidential nature of FBI files, and he was most appreciative of contact to explain same.

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Los Angeles 45, California

May 20, 1960

Hon. Cecil R. King  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. King:

Two days ago my husband and I were invited to a presentation by some republican and so-called "conservative" friends of ours. It left us quite worried and we believe it might be of interest to you and similar minded members of Congress to hear about this and perhaps cast a critical eye in the direction of a certain budding organization.

It was a presentation made by the "John Birch Society" which is headed by a Robert Welch, retired former President of the Welch Candy Company. It is in form of a motion picture in which Mr. Welch gives a 2 hour lecture on the aims and structure of his organization in an effort to win members.

The basic overt aims are very admirable indeed. The Society is supposedly engaged in a crusade for the fight against communism and the influence thereof within the United States. Mr. Welch claims the support of many fine known patriots and quotes from legitimate and worthy publications. His presentation is backed by a tremendous detailed knowledge on the subject of communism, by some irrefutable facts and statistics, and by the undeniable need of doing what he proposes to do, namely to combat communism and to educate the American Public as to it's dangers.

However, neatly sandwiched inbetween facts and figures, Mr. Welch comes out with blatant half-truths and un-truths in an effort to prepare his audience for his final coup: to get them to sign up enthusiastically as members of his organization, as ambitious fighters against communism, as patriotic defenders of their country, and as providers of a secure future for their children. Nobody could possibly want to abstain from such noble ambitions!!!!

But, ----and here is where official investigation into his organization becomes greatly desirable: just what are these good people all signing up for?? An organization with an authoritarian internal structure (for the sake of expedience, they say), not unlike cells. It has a platform that recommends extreme isolationism, exclusion of all types of debate and seeks to eliminate such institutions as the United Nations, as well as all social advances, any efforts toward international understanding, and even suggests the

eventual abolition of the Republican Form of Government. Anything that disagrees with extreme rightest views is labeled: aiding and abetting the red cause, etc. For example, Mr. Welch claims that practically everyone in authoritative position in the U. S. Government during the last 30 years has been participating in the "World-wide Communist Conspiracy". His slogan is: "Less Government, more responsibility, and a better World!"

Now I, a naturalized American Citizen, have lived under Nazi rule during my formative and young adult years. If anyone can smell the rat of fascist agitation, it is I. For years the principles of Nazism have been drummed into me, I have been forced to hear every speech of Hitler's and Goebbels'. I was forced into Nazi Youth organizations. And I have felt the results of such a loathsome type of Government in my life and on my body. I do not want my children to go through the same experiences.

Mr. Welch employs the same insidious tactics that made Goebbel's famous. I am afraid he is luring many an innocent do-gooder into being a card carrying nucleus of a vicious organization. The Nazi Party at first claimed it was only trying to "combat communism and create a better life." I have heard the pleas of former Nazi Party members that all they wanted was to do good. I have known the characters of some of these and I would vouch that they are telling the truth. I also would vouch for some of Mr. Welch's new disciples that that was all they too want. When will enough of them be caught in the web that might become dangerous to the rest of us U. S. Citizens??

I also want to mention that both my husband and I are decidedly anti-communist. My husband is an ex-Military Intelligence officer now engaged in space research and I escaped with the Russians at my heels from now communist dominated areas in East Germany. I left there property and friends, I have seen Communism in action. This, I believe, will vouch for my feelings in the matter. Also, after the end of the war in the American Zone of Occupation I went on record and officially signed statements pointing out to U. S. Military Authorities places of communist agitation. If nothing else, this surely got me on the communists' black lists.

These lectures of the John Birch Society are held to small groups of under 50 people. They can be attended by invitation only, and those attending must be previously screened as being "conservatives". My husband and I, who make no bones about being democrats get in there by mistake through invitation by our republican "sparring partners"----who'll do anything to bring about stimulating discussions (that they got !!) ---- The Society does not want the Press to be notified or receive any publicity. If that isn't undercover, I don't know what is!!

I am not sure, Mr. King, just HOW you will be able to see that lecture, unless it is via disguise or incognito, but it would be worth all kinds of trouble to try. That is, if you are not already familiar with it. There is a publication called "American Opinion" published by Mr. Welch, that I have studied briefly. It gives the appearance of being more above-board, albeit expressing extremely rightist views. It is mainly the structure and character of the John Birch Society that leaves one to wonder, as well as the fact that many of the things they are vehemently against have nothing to do with communism.

Below I will write the name and address of the local representative. I would rather not be quoted by name to this fellow, since I would not like to embarrass my friends. The meeting was held in the building of the Westchester Women's Club --- no connection with it. Neither have I. So much of this for all it might be worth to you.

Respectfully yours,

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The local representative of the John Birch Society gave this address to my friends:

los Angeles 5, California

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 24, 1960.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached communication from my constituent,

[redacted]  
Los Angeles 45, California, is submitted for  
your attention.

I would appreciate the return of the enclosure  
when it has served your purpose.

With all good wishes.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Cecil R. King

Cecil R. King, M. C.

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July 1, 1960

Honorable Cecil R. King  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter dated June 24, 1960, enclosing a letter to you from [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

Your interest and courtesy in furnishing this material to me are indeed appreciated, and if I can be of assistance at any time in matters of mutual interest, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

I have taken the liberty of preparing a copy of [redacted] letter, and in accordance with your request, I am returning the original to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- 1 - Boston (Enclosures 2) (SEE NOTE)  
1 - Los Angeles (Enclosures 2) (SEE NOTE)

ATTENTION: SACs, LOS ANGELES AND BOSTON

Enclosed for your information are a copy of Congressman Cecil R. King's letter to the Director and a Photostat of the letter to the Congressman from (NOTE TO SACs CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

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Honorable Cecil R. King

ATTENTION: SACS, LOS ANGELES AND BOSTON (CONTINUED)

[redacted] Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning [redacted] described by [redacted] as the local representative of the John Birch Society.

Robert Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of investigation by the Bureau. Information concerning this individual and organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The Bureau has had numerous cordial contacts with Congressman King.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

DATE: 7/1/60

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FROM : ASAC WILLIAM M. ALEXANDER

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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[redacted] This is to record that on 6/29/60, USA [redacted] called and stated that he had been advised that there had been a meeting in the Wilshire area of approximately 30 individuals, which meeting had been sponsored by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He said that it was his best information that the society had heard a tape recording which was prepared by WELCH, organizer of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, and the essence of this tape was that Communism was taking over the country and now was the time for concerted action. [redacted] also stated that a [redacted] (ph), who allegedly is an M.D. identified with the California Society of Surgeons, gave a talk on mental health and talked about the value of concerted action now to take care of mental health diseases.

[redacted] said that during the course of the meeting there had been some reference to the FBI, but it was his information that the reference to the FBI was in the form of a statement that certain information had been submitted to the FBI concerning Communism, but the Bureau had taken no action.

[redacted] said it was his information also that Mrs. HERBERT LAUGHARN was a leader in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in that area.

[redacted] said he was submitting this information to the Bureau so that it would be aware of the operations of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara Activities of the John Birch Society and Presentation Film  
by Robert Welch

1. The local attendance at the meeting was in the vicinity of 70 persons (35 husbands and wives).

The meeting was held on the evening of April 15, 1960 at the home of Dr. Horace F. Pierce of Vista del Mundo Ranch, 3800 block Foothill, Santa Barbara.

The local charge-d'affairs appears to be Dr. Granville F. Knight of 755 Rockbridge Road, Montecito, who is listed in the Society's books as a Council member.

The duties of the Council are stated as three:

- (1) To show the stature and standing of the leadership of the Society;
  - (2) To give (the founder, Robert Welch) the benefit of the Council's advice and guidance, both in procedural or organizational matters, and in substantive matters of policy;
  - (3) To select, with absolute and final authority, a successor to (R. Welch) as head of the John Birch Society, if and when an accident, "Suicide" or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists --- or I simply die in bed of old age and a cantankerous disposition.
2. The attendees were approximately two-thirds composed of the type known as "First Families", that is, mature to elderly people whose position in society is relatively secure, either because of money or family or both. The balance, about one third, were of younger persons, who could be described as probable "Comers", that is, young people who will probably attain in later years that position in society now held by the First Families. It was interesting to note that the only "Comers" present, who were identifiable as non-scions of present first families were in positions dealing with mass media communications.<sup>1/</sup>

It is fair and accurate to say that all the persons present who were engaged in conversation were of the political beliefs inaccurately labeled extreme conservatism, and more accurately describable as historic constitutionalists or or republican, as distinguishable from Republican as an existing political party.

3. The objective of this meeting was to hear a three hour presentation, a condensation of a two day presentation, by Mr. Robert Welch of Indianapolis, Indiana, the founder of the John Birch Society, and after the presentation to sell literature describing the works and aims of the Society, and to sign up new members.

The talk by Mr. Welch was excellent, accurate, forceful and, in my estimation, very effective.

<sup>1/</sup> This may well be a totally unfair and inaccurate analysis. I knew almost no one, and this statement depends upon hearsay as to who was who, and what he did.

<sup>c</sup>Basically, Mr. Welch recites the actual history of the growth of Communism, and extrapolates this background to show the

- (1) present danger to the U. S., and
- (2) the rapidly increasing future danger to the U. S.

Just a few words about the talk:

- a. Mr. Welch's historical data, to the limit of my knowledge, was accurate and exact. He did cite data that I had not previously been aware of, but at least two-thirds of his presented data is capable of being checked in any library.
- b. The added data cited did support a somewhat more alarmed response than that response normal from the common-knowledge data. This added data is certainly capable of being responsibly checked -- perhaps not easily outside of Government intelligence circles, but easily and certainly within such circles. The data is of a nature that denial of its existence by those charged with the safety and security of the National existence of the U.S.A. must be taken as an indication that something is terribly wrong.
- c. Mr. Welch extrapolates from this fact-supported position to the present and future danger of the U.S. He believes--
  - (1) The Soviets will not try to conquer the United States by military means.
  - (2) That the Soviets have a useable, though not preferred plan, to foment civil strife within the U.S. to weaken our country to enable a Communist-lead group to take over the Government from within, that this plan is in operation today and methods and plans for its ultimate implementation exist and that this is indicated by the actions occurring in the civil rights questions and in Communist control of unions absolutely vital to communications and control, and transportation and mobility.
  - (3) That the preferred Soviet plan, also being implemented, is to so control the U.S. from within and without, that the U.S. will no longer be interested in resisting the world wide advances of Communism.

This plan has two modes of implementation:

- (a) Induce gradual surrender of U.S. sovereignty, piece-by-piece, to various international organizations, while the Communists take over those international organizations.
- (b) Convert the U.S.A. into a socialistic nation of similar outlook to that of the USSR in order to lessen the U.S. need to respond to Communistic advances throughout the world.

4. An analysis of the talk by Mr. Welch must conclude:

- A. The talk appears factually accurate, and the data is susceptible of proof.

- B The extrapolation covering present and future danger to the continued national existence of the United States, in an historic constitutional republican sense, is not unrealistic. It is a far more "alarmed" extrapolation than the published official views of the present administration.<sup>2/</sup>
- C Mr. Welch's balancing of the position of Russian military power as an effective weapon of foreign policy is faulty. This in turn leads to a dangerous disregard of the military force threat to the United States
- D Mr. Welch is apparently a truly dedicate man of impeccable background, and unquestionable patriotism. A well-educated man who has been quite successful in the American business world, he has resigned from most of his business interests, at considerable monetary sacrifice, to conduct a crusade against the threat of enveloping Communism.<sup>3/</sup>
- E No reasonable basis appears for differing violently with either the facts or the engendered alarm presented in the talk.
- 5 At the conclusion of the talk several pieces of literature were offered for sale which were reported to make more clear the position of Mr. Welch and of the John Birch Society with respect to the threat to the United States described in the talk and with respect to the aims and objectives of the group's plan to combat this threat.

This literature included

The Blue Book of the John Birch Society, 181 pgs , copyrighted 1959 by Robert Welch. Publisher undesignated

The John Birch Society Bulletin for February, 1960 by Robert Welch. Publisher undesignated Society address - Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

The Scoreboard, a 4 page reprint from July-August, 1959 American Opinion, with updating footnotes to the present (?), showing the estimates of "Communist Influence as a Percentage of Total Control" of 105 national governments throughout the world Two examples (11 ) Britain, 40-60%, and (100 ) United States, 30-50%.

American Opinion, January, 1959. by Robert Welch, One Hundred Steps to the Truth, a special feature reviewing 100 books setting out facts in detail covering the present and future danger from Communist actions, infiltrations and plans. An order blank on The Book Maker, Box 101, Murray Hill Station, New York 16, New York, is supplied for 96 of the listed books; the other four are Governmental publications.

<sup>2/</sup> If I must personally choose as to which view of National danger is more accurate, I would choose Mr. Welch's extrapolated view. Furthermore, this view appears to me to represent a SAFER position for U.S. policy planning against all danger

<sup>3/</sup> Born and educated in North Carolina of Baptist early American pioneer Welch stock '17201. Education includes four years University of North Carolina, two years U.S. Naval Academy, and two years Harvard School of Law. Became Vice President, Sales and Advertising of Welch Candy Company, was a member of Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years, served three years as Regional Vice President NAM, and two years as Chairman, Educational Advisory Committee of NAM. Has served as Director or on Boards of several U.S. corporations

American Opinion, March, 1960, by Robert Welch, a reprint of The Life of John Birch (Robert Welch), published by the Henry Regnery Company, Chicago, 1954. The published original reviews of the manuscript of the Life of John Birch include: "This book is a strong publication pointing to the evils of Communism both within and without our Country. It should be read by all Americans who love our Country and want to preserve it." - George E. Stratemeyer, Lt. General, USA, Retired.

"I wish your books could be placed in every library in the United States. As a matter of fact, they should be required reading in grade school, high school and college." - Claire Lee Chennault, Major General, U.S.A.F., Retired.

"Amazingly, there were in Washington responsible officials who were willing to suppress news of the murder of an American officer, apparently to prevent the American people from rising in their wrath and vetoing further appeasement of Communism. Not a great deal can be said for the judgment, discretion and reliability of those responsible for suppressing the tragic and revealing story of Capt. John Birch" - Saturday Evening Post Ideititorial, January 22, 1955, based on this book

Why People Become Communists, a 34 page reprint from February, 1958 American Opinion, by the editor of American Opinion (Robert Welch), available from American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts

This document appears to be an incisive, realistic and pragmatic analysis of some general bases of motivation and motivation-compulsion reaction. It is well worth including as a reference addendum to texts on applied psychology.

An analysis of the general content of this literature strongly supports the same analysis as presented in Section 4. Covering the talk by Mr. Welch -- with one very important and major exception.

That exception covers Mr. Welch's plan to combat the Communist threat as the plan is set out in Sections 4 through 8 of The Blue Book of the John Birch Society.

Mr. Welch proposes to become "The Founder" of the John Birch Society, which Society is to be a monolithic body which will operate under completely authoritarian control at all levels.

Now Mr. Welch discusses briefly and discards as inconsequential the proper fear of tyrannical oppression of individuals by such an authoritarian organization, since he states the Society is to be a voluntary organization. However, it is realistic to point out that

- (1) An organization, voluntary in the first instance and of an authoritarian nature may easily become non-voluntary as regards the rights and liberties of an individual

5/ Page 158, the Blue Book of the John Birch Society, and see page 117 where the need for leadership is reputed to authorize the assumption of leadership by one man, who thereafter authorizes force as one of the methods of furthering his own plans, for the group

2/ I am sure most "good Germans" of the Weimar Republic agreed with what they understood of Hitler's position when he was named Chancellor in 1933(?), and I expect that Hitler's Brown Shirt organization was a voluntary organization in its inception.

(2) The John Birch Society is organized specifically to exert effective influence on the U S political scene, in which case every citizen of the U S will be effected to one extent or another by such Society. That the Society should represent one man's views so completely by its organizational structure represents a very real danger to the future liberty of all Americans 2/

Now these observations should not be construed as derogation either of Mr. Welch nor of the John Birch Society. They are, in fact, simple observations of a possible danger in any authoritarian organization. Examples of the excesses of authoritarian organizations range from the Holy Roman Church, through innumerable kingdoms, through the dictatorships of our days and include many, many business organizations. It is in this context that all authoritative organizations are suspect -- including the John Birch Society, which has as its avowed aims and slogan "Less Government and More Responsibility".

Now Mr. Welch advances some persuasive arguments as to why the structure of the Society was chosen to be based upon an authoritarian model. These arguments obviously have persuaded many serious minded people -- namely present members of his organization. I will not belabour the point but merely state that in spite of the fact that the aims of the Society seem honorable, and the facts presented indicate a terrifying urgency, and the position of Mr. Welch appears justifiable under certain special circumstances, I am not persuaded that such an organization as Mr. Welch proposes is in turn without danger, though I desire to move in the same general political direction that he and his organization tend toward

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-38671)

ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

To SAC letter 60-3 dated 1/26/60 (C).

On June 29, 1960, [redacted] former Special Agent, Director, American Security Council, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, furnished this office a copy of "The Blue Book" of the John Birch Society and of "The Politician," together with one photostat copy each of a four page pamphlet explaining the John Birch Society, and a report dated April 18, 1960, entitled "Santa Barbara Activities of the John Birch Society."

At [redacted] request, "The Blue Book" and "The Politician" were returned to him. One copy each of the report of Santa Barbara activities are being furnished herewith as an enclosure to the Bureau and Los Angeles for information.

According to information available to [redacted] there apparently are three Chicago chapters of the John Birch Society, one of which has been meeting at Glenview, Illinois. The meetings at Glenview are held every other Monday night. Three such meetings have been held which have been attended by approximately 200 people. [redacted]

[redacted] Glenview, on expressing doubts about the society at one of the above meetings, was given a copy of "The Politician" and told that that book is given out only when a member of the society is "qualified." After reading the book and expressing her disgust with the material, [redacted] was told by [redacted] leader of the meeting, that if she quoted any part of the book at the meeting he would completely deny existence of the book and would discredit her. According to [redacted] after the next Glenview meeting, the chapter is to be broken up into anti-Communist "cells" composed of 10 to 20 people, and that the society aims at a million members nationally.

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Indices of the Chicago Office are negative concerning [redacted]. The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received concerning activities of the John Birch Society.

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LIDO ISLE  
NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
TELEPHONE: ORIOLE 3-5538

July 5, 1960

Dear [redacted]:

A young friend yours, [redacted]

[redacted] of Anaheim has

organized a John Birch group there.

A young man whom she was trying to interest, could not believe conditions in our country are as serious as she claimed. She knew about a meeting to be held and suggested that he attend. He did and the enclosed report was written by him.

If you do not want to keep it will you please return it to me as

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I got to the South Pasadena  
post office bright and early <sup>July 1-</sup> and  
was able to get Box 211. I have  
ordered the People's World under  
the name of [redacted] - part of

my given name. I want the J B T to  
know that I am in their mailing list.  
We all hope to see you at the

beach soon. Sincerely,



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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

July 13, 1960

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re SAC letter 60-5.

[redacted] Lido Isle, Newport Beach, California, advised this office by letter dated 7/5/60, that a new chapter of the captioned organization has been recently formed at Anaheim, California, by [redacted] aka. [redacted] Current telephone directory for Orange County shows a listing for [redacted] Anaheim, California.

Indices of this office reflect a letter written by [redacted] Anaheim, to the Editor, Los Angeles Times, 5/23/60, issue, in which writer deplores infiltration of Communist influences in American society and encourages readers to obtain copy of book written by former Special Agent of FBI, W. CLIRON SKOUSEN, "The Naked Communist".

Additionally, [redacted] Panel Source, orally advised 7/6/60, that John Birch Society has 20,000 members currently, on a national basis.

The above is for information of the Bureau.

2 - Bureau (62-104401) (Registered)  
1 - Los Angeles (100-59001)  
1 - Los Angeles ([redacted]) (Morrison)

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| Subject's name and aliases<br><b>JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY</b> |                    | Address of subject<br>[redacted]<br><b>MASS.</b>                        |                      | Character of case<br><b>SM</b>  |   |
| Complainant<br>[redacted]                               |                    | Complainant's address and telephone number<br><b>HAWTHORNE CALIF.</b>   |                      | Complaint received<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br><b>Date 7-14-60 Time 3:10PM</b> |   |
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Facts of complaint

G desired to know if the above organization was subversive or not so he could reach a decision regarding joining the organization.

G was advised of the fact that the FBI does not pass judgement nor make evaluations regarding individuals or organizations. G was then given the address where he could direct correspondence to secure this information.

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[REDACTED]  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

July 5, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would appreciate very much your opinion of the John Birch Society, founded by a Robert Welch. I want to offer my services in combating communism and want to be sure of this organization before joining their forces. This may be being super-cautious on my part, but there are so many organizations I want to be certain of their motives.

If you would send me a reply, however brief, I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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July 13, 1960

Dear [redacted]:

Your letter dated July 5, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (3)

1 - Los Angeles (enclosure)

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**ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Robert Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"

[Redacted] Avenue  
Lancaster, California.



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The Federal Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1340 West 6th Street

Los Angeles, California.

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Dear Sirs:

I am interested in joining an anti-Communist organization. The one which I am interested in puts out a book and periodicals. I have read this book, which is called "The Blue Book of the John Birch Society", of which the club is also named. I would like to know if this book and some of the other material which they put out is entirely anti-Communist, which the club asserts. If this club is not anti-Communist I trust that a name of such a club could be forwarded to me. If this information is not available in this department I trust that the name of such could be sent to me.

Thank you for any information that might be sent to me.

Sincerely

/s/

South Pasadena, California

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July 29, 1960

[Redacted]  
South Pasadena, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated July 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you have requested or recommending any course of action to be followed.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Los Angeles (enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

8/4/60

AIRMAIL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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On 8/3/60, ADOLPH MENJOU, well-known motion picture, radio and TV personality, appeared as a guest on the TOM DUGGAN show which is viewed nightly by residents of Southern California over Channel 13, station KTLA, Los Angeles. TOM DUGGAN is well-known to viewers in Chicago, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, and is considered to be a controversial television personality.

MENJOU, during the course of his interview with DUGGAN, ranged far and wide on matters of current interest to the American public. He is an avowed anti-communist and spent a considerable portion of his talk on communism. [REDACTED] advised MENJOU told the TV audience that he could not get a job in the motion picture studios because he is an avowed anti-communist. He stated most of the studios are controlled by communists, noting that the studios have a black list that is working in reverse, i.e., against those people who have denounced communism. He recalled that when the "Hollywood Ten" were convicted "they" should have convicted the entire "Hollywood Nineteen" but someone in Washington, who was highly-placed, interceded and would not let the additional nine be convicted. He indicated he had gone to Washington at his own expense to fight this move, but to no avail.

He told DUGGAN and the TV audience that communism would be wiped out of the studios in two days if the American Legion would bring economic pressures to bear against the

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theatres. However, even the American Legion is subject to economic pressures, and for this reason cannot take effective action against those studios who hire communists. He alleged that communism in California is stronger than most people think and he fears for his children and their children. He cautioned the American people to wake up before it is too late. He once again attested to his great admiration for the late Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY and the fine work accomplished by him in the field of communism. MENJOU spoke highly of Director HOOVER and mentioned that he had been in correspondence with Mr. HOOVER on many occasions. He did not mention the FBI by name, however.

MENJOU stated his statements could be "backed up" and on occasion mentioned "Counter Attack" and "Red Channels." He was particularly critical of the communist influence in New York Theatre circles. He mentioned but a few names of individuals who had communist connections. Among these names were the names of DALTON THOMAS and EDWARD DIWMYK, both members of the "Hollywood Ten."

MENJOU, in addition to discussing communism, was critical of the World Court, noting that two of its members were communists. He was vociferous in his opposition to the income tax and stated he was in complete agreement with [redacted] of Utah, in his refusal to pay an income tax. He stated he was opposed to the Government of the United States engaging in private enterprise, and thought the Government should divest itself of some 19,000 private enterprises, including TVA. He is against a welfare state and is a staunch advocate of private enterprise.

MENJOU, at the conclusion of his guest stint, urged all those who were opposed to communism to join the John Birch Society and gave DUGGAN and the TV audience the Society's address of Belmont, Massachusetts, as the place to write for information. It should be noted that numerous calls were received by DUGGAN before the conclusion of his show from listeners interested in joining the Society, and the address of the Society was given to the audience on several different occasions prior to the closing of the show at 12 Midnight. MENJOU expressed his admiration for Mr. WELCH, founder of the Society, and explained the Society got its name from a soldier by the name of JOHN BIRCH who was killed by the Chinese Communists following the cessation of hostilities in Korea.

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Foregoing for information of the Bureau. The Los Angeles Office does not anticipate interviewing ADOLPH MENJOU at this time for information in his possession concerning alleged communist control of the motion picture industry. JACB, inasmuch as it is not believed he has any personal knowledge or direct, specific information concerning same.

[Redacted]  
Torrance  
California

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gpd: jmw

Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1340 West 6th Street  
Los Angeles 17  
California

Dear Sir,

I am requesting information about The John Birch Society, its integrity and background. The Society was founded by Robert Welsh on December 9, 1959. The original meeting taking place in Indianapolis. The address is now, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

Has the Society been investigated, and if so could you let me know the results?

Would you please send me a list of the communist front organizations.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly yours,

[Redacted]

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1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California  
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Torrance, California

Dear [redacted]:

Reference is made to your recent letter.

Although I would like very much to be able to help you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of any individual, organization or publication. Furnishing information of the type you requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the organization you named, and I am unable to answer your inquiry. No inference should be drawn in this connection either that we do or do not have data concerning the organization in question.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has never compiled a list such as you requested. You may be interested in securing a copy of the pamphlet entitled, "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities of the U. S. House of Representatives. This pamphlet contains a list of groups and periodicals which have been cited as subversive by various local and federal agencies. A copy of this pamphlet may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, North Capitol and H Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

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DATE 5-8-96 BY SP4-6346 U. S. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : File (100-59001)

DATE: 8/18/60

FROM : SAC W. G. SIMON

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This will record that on 8/18/60, [redacted]  
 [redacted] Hollywood, Calif., called and stated he would like to know something about the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He stated they purport to be anti-Communist.

I courteously informed [redacted] of my inability to furnish him with information, pointing out that no statement could be made as to whether we do or do not have any information.

He then requested to be advised as to how one could check on organizations, and I informed him of the list of subversive organizations of the Attorney General which is available to the public.

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[Redacted]  
Lakewood 11, Calif.

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: The John Birch Society  
Belmont 78, Mass.

Recently I saw Mr. Adolph Menjou on the Tom Duggan television show and he made many statements regarding politics and communism in Hollywood, most of which I agreed with. He is also a strong supporter of Senator Barry Goldwater, whom I also greatly admire. Mr. Menjou said anyone wishing to support the Constitution & help rid our country of Communists, etc., should join the John Birch Society, & gave the address.

The next day Tom Duggan was suspended from his TV program, supposedly because of an anti-Catholic joke his wife had previously told on his program. I noticed in the Times a few days later that the American Legion (composed of 200 members) was calling on the station manager to determine the real reason of his suspension, & then the next day, the paper stated that Tom Duggan had been re-instated & would appear again at his usual time.

I wrote the John Birch Society for literature and am interested in joining. However, my husband says that now days so many patriotic sounding organizations are just Communist fronts and for me not to join anything without checking with you first. So I would certainly appreciate knowing if it is all that it's supposed to be. I think everything possible should be done to awaken people to the Communist threat and I want to help support an organization such as this one, if it is bona fide.

I will certainly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance.

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Sincerely,

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Lakewood II, California

Dear [redacted]:

Your letter dated August 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

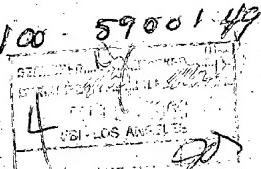
While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in our files.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

① Los Angeles (Enclosure) (See Note, Page Two)



[Redacted]  
**ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Adolph Menjou and Tom Duggan, mentioned by the correspondent, are well known to your office.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 8/30/60

FROM : ASAC W. M. ALEXANDER

*John Burch Society  
100-59001-5*SUBJECT: JOHN BURCH SOCIETY  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted]

Anaheim,  
 phone [redacted] called at 4:30 PM, 8/29/60, and requested information concerning above-captioned society as to whether or not it might be subversive.

I pointed out to [redacted] that the files of the FBI were confidential and that I would be unable to give her any assistance along that line. I told her she could write to the Internal Security Division, Washington, D. C., for a list of organizations designated by the Attorney General as subversive.

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 She also indicated that she would like some information as to whether or not she should attend a study group which was being sponsored by the House Un-American Activities Committee on the subject of Communism. I told her I would be unable to express my opinion along that line.

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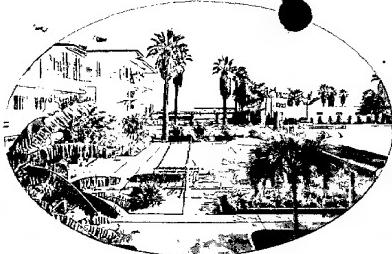
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# El Patio Del Mar MOTEL

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August 31st, 1960 TELEPHONE  
Woodland 5-6556

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
P.O.Box 66,  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I wish to ask for your assistance in the matter of  
correct information regarding a certain Society.

I have been approached to join the John Birch Society,  
but at the same time have received many reports, pros  
and cons regarding this Society.

I am American born, and chiefly interested in my own  
country, and true Americanism.

I am told that the co-founder of the above society,  
Mr. Welch, was formerly a communist.  
Before giving my acceptance or taking any further  
steps, I would appreciate receiving from you any facts  
you have regarding this society.

Yours very truly,

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[redacted]  
El Patio Del Mar Motel,  
336 W. Cabrillo Blvd.  
Santa Barbara, Calif.



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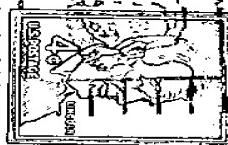
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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
P.O.Box 66,  
Santa Barbara, Calif.



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1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California  
September 8, 1960

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[redacted]  
El Patio Del Mar Motel  
336 West Cabrillo Boulevard  
Santa Barbara, California

Dear [redacted]

Reference is made to your recent letter.

Although I would like very much to be able to help you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of any individual, organization or publication. Furnishing information of the type you requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the organization you named, and I am unable to answer your inquiry. No inference should be drawn in this connection either that we do or do not have data concerning the organization in question.

Very truly yours,

W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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① - Los Angeles (100-59001)

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| Subject's name and aliases<br><b>THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY</b> |                    |   | Address of subject<br><b>Melton, Mass</b>                       |                          | Character of case<br><b>INFO CONCERNING</b>   |
| Complainant<br>[Redacted]                                   |                    |   | Complainant's address and telephone number.<br><b>SEE BELOW</b> |                          | Complaint received<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br><b>Date 9/12/60 Time 6:21pm</b> |
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Facts of complaint: C identified self a "Military Requirements Representative, California Division, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, Calif.", telephone TR 72711.

C advised he accepted an invitation to attended a chapter orgnising meeting of captioned organization at the residence of one SMITH in Pasadena, Calif., on 9/8/60. He was amazed to learn of the "hate government" attitude of the speaker identified as the Los Angeles [Redacted] of the society, [Redacted] LA, Calif. telephone [Redacted]. A motion picture was shown, followed by the aims of the society. Speaker stated there are now 75 chapters in the LA area. Dues are \$24.00 yearly for male members, \$12.00 yearly for female. LA chapters were first organized eight months ago.

Although purported intent of the society is "less government" "more responsibility" and a "better world", C stated the obvious intent of the society is to instill a "hate campaign against U.S. Govt.". In this respect, C is convinced the society is subversive in nature.

C turned over for use of this office, not to be returned, March and June, 1960 copies of the "Bulletin" of the society, along with a postal card urging the termination of foreign aid, made available to the approximate twenty individuals at the organizing meeting of the new chapter attended by C. C also furnished a copy of the "Blue Book" of the John Birch Society.

All of above documents are attached hereto.

C advised his primary purpose in bringing this to our attention is his firm belief the organization is subversive in nature. To a lesser extent, he desired to go on record with his visit, lest his attendance at this one meeting might prejudice his extremely highly

Action Recommended Index C.  
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(Agent)

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Date August 25, 1960

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**RE:**

- For information       For appropriate action       Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

**REMARKS:**

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Dear [REDACTED]:

DATE 5-8-96 BY SPY-09407

Your letter dated August 23, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 -> Los Angeles (See Note)

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Correspondent requests the Bureau's opinion of the John Birch Society. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

NOTE TO SAC, LOS ANGELES, CONTINUED,

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The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.



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RE:

- For information       For appropriate action       Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : File

DATE: 9/13/60

FROM : SAC W. G. SIMON

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

MISCELLANEOUS - INFO. CONCERNING ✓

99-558- [REDACTED]

At 10:27 A.M., 9/13/60, [REDACTED] of the Hollywood Travelodge Motel, 7370 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, telephone HOLLYWOOD 2-6001, called and stated that she had heard about the above society and had also read "The American Opinion" magazine of which ROBERT WELCH is editor. She wanted to know how she could check as to whether this society and this magazine were subversive, and wanted to know if there was any list available of subversive organizations.

I referred her to the list of the Attorney General and informed her that this list is available in public libraries or that she may desire to contact the Assistant Attorney General in charge of Internal Security Division, by writing him at the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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MILITARY REQUIREMENTS REPRESENTATIVE  
CALIFORNIA DIVISION  
LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

TRIANGLE 7-2711  
BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

DATE: 9/30/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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The following information was furnished orally  
to the writer on 9/21/60 by [redacted]  
[redacted] Los Angeles:

[redacted] On 9/1/60 [redacted] a close personal friend of [redacted] went to Poor Richard's Book Shop, 5403 HOLLYWOOD Blvd., Los Angeles, which is operated by Mr. [redacted] F. X. RANUZZI, both of whom are members of the John Birch Society. [redacted] asked [redacted] if she would care to attend a meeting at her home to learn more about a group of "good people" who were arming against the Communists. [redacted] declined the invitation but carried the conversation on long enough to learn that this group of "good people" had concluded that, since no one was doing anything to check the Communists, they themselves would buy unregistered firearms and store them, together with appropriate ammunition, until the time came to "start something". Meanwhile, according to [redacted] this group, which included some female members, was taking Judo lessons in "the valley" and was attending military training classes in Burbank, California.

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] who resides in Pacific Palisades, telephone number [redacted] and who works for the Public Service Department of [redacted] the Coast Federal Savings and Loan Organization in Los Angeles, where he gives talks on the subject of free enterprise, is a member of the John Birch Society, is very anti-Semitic, and is prone to make exaggerated statements. [redacted] was informed by a good friend, [redacted] who also works for [redacted]

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the Coast Federal Savings and Loan Organization, that [redacted] had commented that he knew where he could get any number of unregistered firearms "in the valley". [redacted] also allegedly told [redacted] that he wanted her to come in on a plot to assassinate [redacted] and wanted her to go to work in San Francisco as a waitress, where she could get [redacted] to consume a drink in which she had placed a pill that would induce cancer. [redacted] described [redacted] as follows:

|                 |                                      |
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| Sex             | Male                                 |
| Race            | White                                |
| Height          | 6' 1" or 6' 2"                       |
| Age             | 26 years                             |
| Weight          | 150-160 lbs.                         |
| Hair            | Dark brown                           |
| Characteristics | Wears glasses; has bulldog type face |

[redacted] stated that she does not believe the John Birch Society has official knowledge as to the plans of this radical group, although the John Birch Society appeared to [redacted] to have become extremely reactionary, as evidenced by the literature disseminated by the Society and, in particular, a book by ROBERT WELCH, Executive Director of the John Birch Society, entitled "The Politician", which allegedly calls President EISENHOWER a Communist.

[redacted] classified the [redacted] as "crackpots" and stated that, if she gets additional information concerning their plans, she will make this available to the Los Angeles Office.

[redacted] requested that her identity be kept confidential and that no mention be made of the fact that she was relaying information given to her by her friend, [redacted]  
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[Redacted]

Oceanside, Calif  
October 1, 1960  
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Dear Sir:

I have recently been offered some very exciting things by a very good friend who I believe is telling me the truth as she has heard it or as far as she knows.

I have been very interested in Communism and how it has affected our schools & textbooks. I have expressed an interest in John Birch Society & said I would like to join it! I attended two meetings held by the American Legion Americanism Committee of Oceanside Post.

I have been told by this friend that she has been told by either members of this group (or those affiliated with it) that I was not to be allowed to attend the next meeting. These people have told her that at the Sept 22 meeting

- ① I asked too many questions of the speaker.
- ② I was too interested <sup>in</sup> the people attending this meeting. That they should accuse of people asking so many questions.
- ③ That I have been connected with Joe Rosenthal (a well known state man)

and therefore am  
unsealable.

(4) That these people have  
in their possession a letter  
saying that I would  
never be able to join  
John Birch Society because  
I am questionable about  
my loyalty to America.

I do not know what I can do  
to refute these statements  
about my loyalty except to  
say that I am loyal & do hate  
communism. This friend has  
been told that she must not  
go to meetings with me or  
leave with me. That she  
should not come in my house

and if I go to her house she  
should refuse to let me in.  
She asked me if I could  
prove that I was a loyal  
American. How do I do this?  
I have taken the loyalty oath  
in Jr. Women Club. I am  
American Chairman in club and  
I do not like things like  
this being said about me. I  
have been on the youth center  
Board with Joe Ronstad. I  
worked on the Community  
Self Study Group with him &  
others. I supported him for  
the School Board because I

felt that he wanted a  
better curriculum, longer day +  
etc. The others running were  
happy with just being "well  
adjusted." I do feel he is very  
liberal in many ways and  
rarely agree with him. I  
also am a member of the Citzns  
Lg Advisory Committee + so is  
he. But it is pretty hard to be  
on any committee that he is  
not on! I do hope you  
can tell me what I can do  
to prove that I am a  
good American citizen. It is  
pretty hard to clear yourself

from charges such as the  
and yet this can be a  
terrible thing to have said  
about you. I have tried to  
bring my children up to love  
America and I think they  
are some proof of my loyalty.

Truly,

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Arcadia, California



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1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California  
October 7, 1960

[Redacted]  
Arcadia, California

Dear [Redacted]:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter.

While I appreciate your concern in writing and would like to be of service, a review of the contents of your letter does not disclose any matter within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am therefore unable to assist you.

Very truly yours,

*gbs*  
W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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## Rotary Told Time Short to Foil Reds

The time left for saving ourselves from enslavement by "reversing the seemingly inexorable forces of communism" is much shorter than most Americans think, Robert Welch, head of the anti-Communist John Birch Society, warned Friday.

The Communists' timetable, proceeding on schedule, leaves us only a few more years, he told the Rotary Club at the Statler Hilton.

The first stage of Communist strategy, he said, was the taking over of Eastern Europe; the second, domination of Asia, and the third, an encirclement and conquest of Western Europe and America.

Having accomplished the first two stages, they are now tightening the encirclement noose by determined inroads into Northern Africa, he said.

Welch, a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Mass., founded the John Birch Society in memory of an American missionary in China who greatly aided our military forces in World War II and later was executed by the Chinese Communists.



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LOS ANGELES EXAMINER  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.  
EDITOR Wesley Woolard  
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October 13, 1960

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U.S. Department of Justice  
1340 W. Sixth St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Gentlemen;

REB 10/13/60  
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Would it be possible for you to send me any information you might have on the John Birch Society? I understand it is an organization designed to help us become more familiar with Communism and how we may combat this dread force.

My husband and I are interested in finding out more about the Society and if it is legitimate in its aim. Does it have the sanction of the Bureau? We would be interested in joining the Society if we had the assurance that it was an accepted organization and had the full sanction of the Bureau.

We would appreciate your advice on this and any information you might be able to send us.

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Sincerely,

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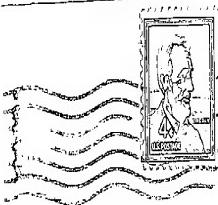
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1340 W. Sixth St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Los Angeles 17, California  
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[redacted]  
La Canada, California

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of recent date.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand my position in this regard and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Very truly yours,

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W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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| <p>C advised following: Recently an acquaintance of hers, [redacted] invited C to attend a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY which is going to be held at the RENNUZI home on Glencannon, LA., on 10/24/60.</p> <p>She stated she intended to go in order to find out if it was subversive, and if so she would report on meeting to FBI. She stated that in the event it was a subversive group, she wanted her call made a matter of record so that the "FBI would know that she had not attended this meeting because she believed in subversive teachings".</p> <p>C was assured that her call would be made matter of record.</p> |       |   |   |      |            |                           |
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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-90)

DATE: 10/20/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]  
SU-INFO CONCERNING

On 10/20/60 [redacted] Riverside  
inquired as to whether the organizations "Pro-America" and "John  
Birch Society" were on the subversive lists.

She was advised of the confidential nature of the FBI  
files and that she should secure her information from public  
sources such as the library which may have the AG list or writing  
for one directly to the AG. Other sources such as the HCUA book  
were also pointed out.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

DATE: 10/21/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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[redacted] On October 17, 1960, [redacted] Los Angeles, California, phone number [redacted] telephonically contacted the writer. [redacted] stated that her husband, [redacted] is employed at the Hughes Aircraft Corporation, Culver City, California, and has such access to confidential and restricted information.

[redacted] stated that recently they were asked and did attend a meeting of captioned society. She stated that she is very violently opposed to Communism and she stated that this particular society indicated at the meeting that individuals should do all that they can to combat it; however, she stated that "she and her husband were concerned as to the legitimacy of this organization and she mentioned that her husband contacted a security officer at Hughes Aircraft to ascertain if it was alright for them to attend additional meetings of the John Birch Society. She indicated that her husband was advised by the security officer at Hughes Aircraft Company that captioned organization was legitimate and it was not subversive.

[redacted] wanted to double check with the FBI and requested if she could endorse this organization.  
We

[redacted] was advised that the files of the FBI were confidential and that we were not allowed to endorse or recommend any organization. She was furnished with the address of the Subversive Organization Section in Washington, D. C.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

I am [redacted] The following is an excerpt from a letter to the Commander, Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, my commander.

" Due to my strong personal convictions that the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), has made alarming progress in the past few years, I now feel obliged to take an active part in opposing further progress by that agency.

In order to direct the most efficient use of my energy, I must:

- a. Become a member of an effective counter organization to CPUSA, specifically the [redacted] John Birch Society, Boston, Mass.
- b. Make available to me CPUSA literature and/or literature indorsed by CPUSA."

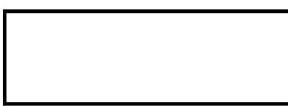
The purpose of this letter is identical: " Identification of Personal Intent".

I have personally stated my intended action to Major Redard, OSI, 18th District, Ghelli Air Station, Maywood, California.

In that the FBI will probably note my name on a communist mailing list or other CPUSA target lists I wish to make my position clear.

If in the future I can be of any service to the Bureau I hope you will not hesitate to enlist my unconditioned assistance.

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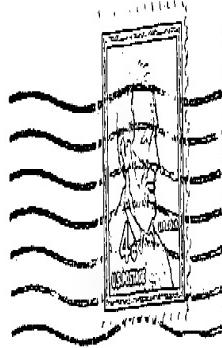
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
1340 West Sixth Street  
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1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California  
October 26, 1960

[Redacted]  
Downey, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your recent letter has been received, and I very much appreciate your offer to be of assistance to this Bureau.

Although I cannot authorize you to act in any official capacity for the FBI, I want to assure you that citizens can be of great aid to us in our work by making available information they acquire indicative of criminal or subversive activities within our investigative jurisdiction. If you acquire data, do not hesitate to contact our office located at 1340 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles 17, California.

Very truly yours,

*AG for A Mff*  
W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-

DATE: 10/28/60

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FROM : Supervisor [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BURCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted] On October 28, 1960, at 1:30 PM, [redacted]  
[redacted] telephonically advised that he is an attorney with  
home address [redacted] San Gabriel, California,  
and he was calling from his office, MA 47244.

He stated he had become interested in the JOHN BURCH SOCIETY which is allegedly dedicated to fighting Communism. He stated he was considering joining this organization and has received favorable reports concerning the group from many prominent persons. His purpose in calling was to ascertain whether the FBI could advise him as to whether the JOHN BURCH SOCIETY was not subversive. He appeared to desire a clearance from the FBI so that he would be reassured about joining the group.

The regulations relative to dissemination of information from the files were explained to him and it was suggested that he contact the Subversive Activities Section of the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice.

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8325 East Third Street  
Paramount, California

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

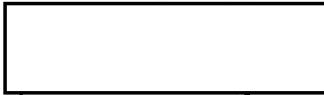
I, like thousands of other Americans, am seriously concerned over the seriousness of the Communist conspiracy in our country. So far, all I have accomplished is to realize there is a problem, and -- like so many apathetic Americans -- have gone no further.

Recently I heard about the John Birch Society, organized by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. From the material I have read on the society, I believe it to be the kind of dynamic action group needed to effectively fight the conspiracy. I am even planning to organize a chapter in my neighborhood. Inasmuch as I am involved in defense work requiring a security clearance, I would not participate without assurance that the society is not, in any way, subversive or derogatory and that it has a clean bill-of-health from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

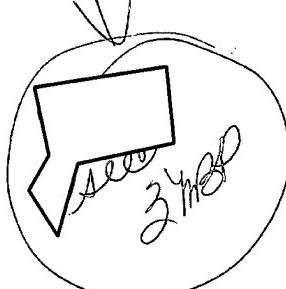
It would be greatly appreciated if you would supply me your evaluation of the John Birch Society.

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Yours very truly,



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U. S. Department of Justice  
1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles, California

1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California

November 10, 1960

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[REDACTED]  
Paramount, California

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of November 7,  
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wish to advise that information in FBI files is confi-  
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organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for  
these rules and will not infer that we do, or that we  
do not, have the information you request.

I would suggest, however, that you direct your  
inquiry to the Department of Justice, Attention Subversive  
Organizations Section, Internal Security Division,  
Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

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1 - LA 100-59001

(John Birch Society) W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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|                            |  | Address of subject            |        | Character of case  |                           |
| <i>John Birch Society</i>  |  |                               |        | SM-C   |                           |
| Complainant                |  | Complainant's address and:    |        | Complaint received   |                           |
|                            |  | <i>Bellflower, Calif.</i>     |        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic | b6<br>b7C                 |
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| Scars, marks or other data |  |                               |        |  |                           |
| Facts of complaint         | <p>C stated that he is a member of the St. Dominic Savio Catholic church, Bellflower, Calif. and a member of the Holy Name Society within the church.</p> <p>C stated that the Society held a meeting last night at the church, and that the Subjects were showing films and making comments concerning world communism.</p> <p>C stated that the film, name unk, was not in keeping with the basic beliefs of the United States, and that for the most part it presented the views of Russia.</p> <p>C stated that the Subjects also leaned themselves well to the left in their comments and narration of the film. C stated that he has no information re the Subject, but that he heard they may join his church.</p> <p>C heard that Subject Patterson is with the Air Force Ballistic <del>XXXXXX</del> Missile Division at Inglewood, Calif.</p> <p>C is employed by Autonetics, 9150 E. Imperial, Downey, Calif.</p> |                               |        |  |                           |

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-[redacted])

DATE: 12/8/60

FROM : SA H. RAWLINS OVERTON

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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[redacted] On November 30, 1960, [redacted]  
Sherman Oaks, California, [redacted]  
contacted SA OVERTON inquiring about the John Birch  
Society, whose only address she knew of was Belmont 78,  
Massachusetts. She stated she understood that the  
Society had been sponsored by the Welch Candy Company  
in Boston and was named after a friend of his that  
had been liquidated by the Communists.

[redacted] stated that meetings were being  
held locally soliciting members for the organization  
which said it was an anti-Communist organization, but  
that she had been unable to find out anything concerning  
the organization and felt that the questions that she  
had asked had not been satisfactorily answered. She said  
locally a [redacted] San  
Marino, California, an insurance man, sponsored the  
meeting at the home of [redacted] Los  
Angeles.

[redacted] stated that she was the sister-in-  
law of former Special Agent [redacted] Chief  
Investigator for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's  
Office, and was furnishing this information for any  
interest the FBI might have in it.

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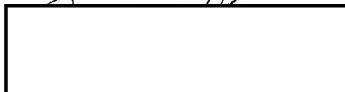
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Tower Building  
Santa Monica, California

Gentlemen:

I have recently become very interested in the Birch Society, and would like very much to know the status of this organization, in the eyes of the F.B.I.

Since it is my wish to support this Society only if it has been cleared, I would appreciate a letter from the Bureau, stating anything detrimental you may have in your files concerning it, or that you deem it a worthy cause.

Yours very truly,



Culver City, California

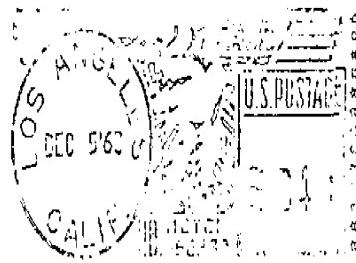
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1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California  
December 6, 1960

Culver City, California

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of December 5, 1960.

Although I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer that we do, or that we do not, have the information you request.

Very truly yours,

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W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. W. G. Simon  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1340 W. 6th Street  
Los Angeles 17, California



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DATE 5-8-96 BY SPY-BRAUN

Mr. W. G. Simon  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Dear Mr. Simon:

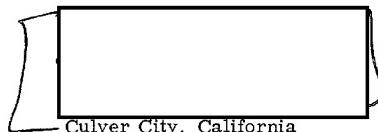
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As you will see, in Paragraphs 2 through 6, he is using statements allegedly made by your office to further his charges.

I am sure that if these quotes are true, the FBI did not intend to have them used in this manner. While I am aware that it is somewhat against the policy of the Bureau to do so, I feel that a clarification of this matter would be most helpful, because these statements, as quoted by Dr. Blake, are bringing great pressure to bear on the John Birch Society members.

Please do whatever you can to assist in this matter.

I await your reply.



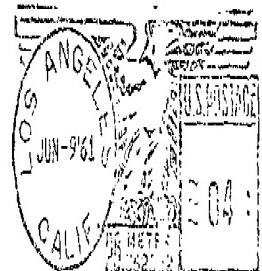
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1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California

June 9, 1961

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[Redacted]  
Calver City, California

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of June 8, 1961. The enclosure mentioned in paragraph 1, however, was not enclosed, and therefore I am unable to assist you in this matter.

In the event you can locate the copy of the address to which you referred in your letter, it is requested that you make it available to this office.

Very truly yours,

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H. E. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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THE CHURCHES AND COMMUNISM

Text of an address by  
REV. DR. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE,  
Stated Clerk  
The United Presbyterian Church  
in the U.S.A.

Delivered at:  
West Adams Presbyterian Church  
Los Angeles, California

May 9, 1961

It was Adolf Hitler who perfected first the technique of the "big lie." He proved that falsehood repeated enough could brainwash a whole people, no matter how absurd the falsehood might appear to the rational mind.

Los Angeles Presbytery, along with its churches, is being subjected to the "big lie" technique by the current rash of charges that the churches, particularly protestant churches, and the ministry, particularly protestant ministers, have been widely infiltrated by communism.

(1) Louis Cassels of United Press International wrote in the "New York World Telegram" and elsewhere on last April 29th: "FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed 'vigilantes' may, in the name of anti-communism, play into communists' hands.

(2) "During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun by Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen, or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Cassels continues: "Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI Director has ~~so informed~~ a number of amateur Communists hunters who wrote him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches."

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(3) I know of no stronger or more recent third-party evidence that I can quote to make it perfectly clear that the widespread allegations of communist infiltration of the Protestant ministry, of the leadership of our Church, or of the National Council of Churches is brazen falsehood. If any of you have been worried by these charges, I hope you are convinced. And may I go further and remind you that repeating these slanders and libels or even gossiping about them makes you an accessory to the conspiracy which is attempting to weaken the influence of your pulpits, your churches, and your councils, locally and nationally.

I remind you that we have traced to their sources these lies. I do not intend to list them for you again since nothing pleases these "Apostles of Discord" more than to receive publicity which they cannot get on their own when a churchman names them. Of all the letters I received after my sermon of a few weeks ago in Santa Barbara on this same topic was one from one of these sources of falsehood, complaining that I had left him out of my listing. My reason was that he and his pamphlets were not listed on the single sheet of calumny that formed the basis of my sermon outline, the text of which was "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." He should have made his complaint to the anonymous cowards who printed and circulated the poison sheet to the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara. But we can identify quite easily the original sources of the lies. You can tell your people that the chances are better than ten to one that any church story is false that is date-lined Tulsa, Oklahoma; Collingswood, New Jersey; Madison, Wisconsin; Cincinnati, Ohio; or Wheaton, Illinois. Most of the alleged facts go back to the McCarthy era or earlier, have been denied and disproved again and again.

(4) How is it then that they still trouble us? Partly because the big lie technique does not depend on facts. But partly now because the old lies are being actively circulated by the same people who were McCarthy's stooges a few years ago, but are now reorganized into typical totalitarian cells of disruption under a retired candy manufacturer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(5) The illogic of this whole campaign has been again and again illustrated by the man's own words. In effect he says that you can't trust anybody, not the President, nor the State Department, not the Army, not any politicians, certainly not the newspapers, or the preachers, therefore trust me. His argument to trust him is that he has "a nose for communists."

(6) And his nose then usually fantastic charge was publicized that former President Eisenhower was a Communist, most even of his followers realized he had gone too far, but their lack of logic and common sense tells the story. I don't agree that President Eisenhower is a communist, but mostly I still agree. When a totalitarian scoundrel is caught charging falsely that one distinguished patriot is a communist, or communist dupe, the only logical conclusion is not "he has gone too far," but rather "This proves that he goes after what people know what he is talking about."

The other reason for the current increase in the circulation and acceptance of these false charges about communist infiltration is the fact that gradually speaking the American people are frightened. Things have not been going well in the "cold war." Cuba and Laos have taken a good deal of hope and confidence from the American people. This real ground of fear of communist success is a fertile field for planting seeds of distrust. We will happy to find a scapegoat.

(7) Let me repeat what I have often said and most deeply believe. Free pulpits and free churches all across this land are the best bulwark against Communism that the nation owns.

I am not really fearful that our Church will be mortally hurt by the attacks against us. What I do fear is that we will become so busy defending ourselves that we will not make the contribution we should to true Americanism in our several communities and in the nation as a whole. Our Churches in every community should be inspiring the community to support the U.N. as man's best hope for peace and freedom. Our churches in every community should be taking the lead in support of the public schools against those who are trying to disrupt them by making false charges against the best and most conscientious teachers we have. Our churches should be busy preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news of God that alone will give us the courage to face the real threats to our nation and our culture and civilization.

I come here today to my own Presbytery at your invitation to urge you to get off the defensive and in every church to begin the attack that our nation needs to be protected from those who in their fear of communism would destroy American freedom.

(8) If these attackers of freedom have infiltrated Presbyterian Sessions, the presbytery has power to go in to the support of courageous preachers who will preach the truth. If these enemies of freedom have infiltrated our membership, sessions have the power and duty to discipline members who slander the Church of Jesus Christ by false charges of communism.

Now it is true that our gospel is not always popular. It is true that some of our members and even our officers may be worried to hear the Christian gospel preached. But I urge you ministers and elders not to be afraid to stand for your faith. Let me suggest what our Biblical faith is - even though I shall have time to set it forth in outline only. You ought to write your own sermons.

1. All Christians, worthy of the name believe in God as revealed in Jesus Christ. If we really believe in the sovereign living God, why should the communist conspiracy or its totalitarian and facist cousins make us afraid? Let us encourage our people to trust God, speak the truth, and believe in the victory of righteousness that Christ has already won.

2. All Christians worthy of the name know that love rather than hate is the most powerful weapon. Let us remember that Jesus said, "Love your enemies." Let us not be afraid to preach Christ even if some will charge you with being weak or ignorant. What hope has the Christian pulpit of being respected if the preacher is afraid to preach Biblical truth. What else are YOU preachers paid your salaries for? Will you let your pulpits become soft schools of the worst prejudices in your people?

3. All Christians worthy of the name know that the Christian faith is not simply an American faith, but one which is world-wide. Stand up for the United Nations. Make clear why you hate communist ideology, but don't hate the Russian people, or even the Soviet government. Tell your people why from Christian grounds we ought to help the poor nations out of our abundance. Behind them

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that the Christian faith is concerned about all men, Russians, Latin Americans, Negroes, Mexicans, as well as stupid and decadent white Protestants. Don't pull your punches. Some will get into trouble - for sure - so did Jesus Christ. Don't let the doctors make you afraid to challenge them to provide better medical care for old people. Don't let your realtors keep you silent about housing or about open covenants of occupancy for all races. Do you think we dare let the communists be the only friends of the poor and the hungry and the disinherited?

Surely be persuasive if you can. But don't expect that the gospel will ever win a popularity contest.

In addition to these general Christian truths that we are obligated to preach, let us remember our Presbyterian heritage and stand up for it as well.

We Presbyterians believe that constitutional representative government is the right way for free men to govern themselves under God in both Church and State. Don't let anybody get away with challenging that heritage in the Presbyterian Church.

We Presbyterians believe that our religion, both individual and corporate, ought to bear upon the whole realm of human life. Don't let anybody silence you or make you afraid to apply the gospel to economics, politics, social ethics, or anything else that is controversial.

We Presbyterians believe in a sovereign God, strong enough to accomplish His will in the face of Satan and all his cohorts. Let's begin to behave as if we did believe it. Surely we are not promised that such a course will be easy or pleasant, or successful. We don't know about what God's will may be for us. But we do know that if we are faithless in our times of trial, there is no hope but that God himself must repudiate us as faithless servants.

Let's move in to the battle. Let us so behave that the world may note what we say and do and perhaps be drawn to Jesus Christ, because they see that we are His.

June 8, 1961

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Mr. W. G. Simon  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1340 W. 8th Street  
Los Angeles 17, California

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I await your reply.

Sincerely,

Culver City, California

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1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California  
June 12, 1961

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[Redacted]  
Culver City, California

Dear [Redacted]

Reference is made to your letter of June 8, 1961, and its enclosure which was received June 12, 1961.

In response to your request for a clarification of statements made by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, I am enclosing the forward of the April, 1961, edition of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin wherein Mr. Hoover comments concerning the menace of communism.

For your additional information, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan has delivered speeches before various groups and organizations throughout the United States on the subject matter of communism.

Very truly yours,

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W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI (61-10904)

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SAC, Los Angeles (105-474)

Attention: Central Research  
Desk

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Remylet 8 3/60 in which is set forth descriptive data concerning [redacted] correspondent at Paris, France, and editor at Los Angeles of the newsletter "H. DU B. REPORTS."

[redacted] has made available a copy of instant five-page newsletter, current issue, November-December, 1960. [redacted] also advised that she travelled recently to New York and environs with purpose in large part to solicit more ample stipend for [redacted] whose livelihood, she stated, would hardly be maintained but for the cash contribution substantially made by GEORGE WELCH, the Belmont, Massachusetts, candy manufacturer, who is founder-director of the John Birch Society. [redacted] also indicated that she has in the past approached WELCH with the thought that he undertake the complete operation of the "H. DU B. REPORTS" but that Mr. WELCH has demurred and indicated that she is best qualified to continue the letter's operation and circulation. [redacted] has stated the latter at somewhat short of 1,000.

[redacted] advised additionally that she proposed to Mr. WELCH on one of his recent trips on behalf of John Birch Society in the Los Angeles area that the generally mature age and general stamp of John Birch membership suggests that these persons have lost the faculty of serious study and that the aims and goals of the John Birch Society call for necessary serious and even strenuous study on the part of its membership to truly apprise themselves of the nature of the world Communist movement and the necessarily intelligent and studied means of thwarting Communist advance. [redacted] indicated that she was able and willing, in her own sight and qualified in the sight of others, to help WELCH set up a serious and useful study program for the John Birch Society membership.

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[redacted] stated that out of her experience some years ago on the teaching staff at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, she feels competent to assist [redacted] in setting up a program of campus chapters of the John Birch Society and has already indicated to [redacted] her willingness in this regard.

[redacted] advised that her comments on Page 5 of enclosed letter were derived from her taking a course in the recent past at the University of California at Los Angeles under the college's extension division for community leaders in the Los Angeles area on space age considerations.

The above, with enclosure of current newsletter, is for the Bureau's information.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

For your information, [redacted]

[redacted] Encino, California, contacted the Los Angeles Division on January 4, 1961, requesting information whether the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was a subversive organization and advising that he desired to know whether the FBI had cleared this organization. When informed that the FBI was unable to furnish any information concerning the organization, because of the confidential nature of the Bureau's records, he became a little upset and stated that he thought it was a terrible position to take and said that he intended writing to the Attorney General about the matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

DATE: 1/6/61

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b7CFROM : SA [redacted]  
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 1/3/61, [redacted]

[redacted] San Gabriel, California, telephone -  
[redacted] made inquiry as to the JOHN BIRCH  
SOCIETY and as the the Americanism Committee, Box 855,  
Arcadia, California, which claims to be the "Watchdogs of  
Freedom", being under the leadership of [redacted]  
[redacted] made inquiry as to how she could obtain  
the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations  
and she was appropriately advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-0) DATE: 1/9/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 1/7/61, [redacted]  
 Manhattan Beach, California, telephonically contacted writer and requested information concerning the John Birch Society. He desired to know if it had been cited by the Attorney General of the United States.

[redacted] was furnished the address of the Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and was told that they would furnish him with a complete list of organizations that had been cited by the Attorney General.

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**COMMUNISM FOES**—Robert Morris, president of University of Dallas and leading foe of communism, left, talks with Doane M. Lowery, member of La Canada John Birch Society chapter, at meeting of 700 members of society at Huntington-Sheraton.

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## Leaders Fail to Spot Reds, Society Told

Policy planners are responsible for the "deterioration that has beset the free world," Robert Morris, president of the University of Dallas and leading foe of communism, declared Thursday night.

Morris, for five years chief counsel of the Senate internal security subcommittee, addressed more than 700 members of the John Birch Society, national patriotic organization, at the Huntington-Sheraton. He said free world leaders have failed to recognize "the Communist texture of our enemies."

"We have repeatedly fashioned and established in power people whom we should have recognized as foreworn enemies. Instead of working against them, we exalted them.

### Cite Cuba Mistake

"We did this in China, where we brought the 'agrarian reformers' into power. We did the same in Cuba, where we aided Castro to power and then bolstered him after he took over."

He said that "by the same foolishness" we have aided pro-Communist leaders in Africa, birthplace of many freedom seeking nations.

Morris was introduced by Doane M. Lowery, member of the La Canada John Birch Society chapter. The society is dedicated to the task of educating Americans to the menace of Communism conspiracy.

LOS ANGELES TIMES  
DATE 1-13-61  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.  
EDITOR NICK B. WILLIAMS  
LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

DATE: 1/12/61

FROM : SUPERVISOR [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted] La Canada, telephonically requested to know on 1/10/61 whether the John Birch Society is "O.K." It was explained to [redacted] that the FBI does not judge any organization or individual and that the FBI is not in a position to say whether or not the John Birch Society is or is not a good organization.

[redacted] stated she wanted to check to see whether it was listed as subversive and wanted to know where she could inquire. She was referred to the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

EFL:DRU *[Signature]*  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Los Angeles, California

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Gentlemen:

You are undoubtedly the recipient of hundreds of letters very similar to this one each week. I might add that I am not a habitual letter writer. I have a problem however and when one has a problem he has to have an answer. It is to this end that I am taking the time to write your office. I am hoping that you will supply me with the information or facts I need.

Saturday evening I was invited to attend the showing of a motion picture entitled "The Rise of the Communist Party" or something similar to that. The invitation came to me through a co-worker. My wife & I arrived late and only saw the last half of a film strip-record. This was followed by a coffee break and a question and answer period.

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It was during this question and answer period that I learned that there was an organization called "the John Birch Society" that was sponsoring the film.

Rec. 11/3/61 PHM:cm

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They had a lot of printed material tracts, brochures & publication that were distributed freely and we, as a group, were encouraged to read these and to ask questions concerning the "society" and to come back next week.

Now I suppose that I am as suspicious as the next guy on something like this but they said a lot of things that made sense and backed it up with "documentary proof" so they say. No pressure to join the society was use but they presented their position in such away that your patriotic spirit was aroused and my mind was moved to a "state of action". Enough so to write this letter anyway.

Now then, the problem I mentioned earlier - can you as a government agency provide me with any information pertaining to the society or the printers of their literature as to whether or not they are connected with the communist party in any way, past or present. Or are they consider subversive in any way

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I might add that I consider myself a good citizen. I am married, active in church work, a member of the U. S. Air Force Reserve and a full time employee of the General Telephone Directory Company.

I bring my problem to you gentlemen because I know of no other place to take it

If I may be of any assistance to you I can reach ~~me~~ at my home on weekends or here in San Bernardino during the week. I am most anxiously looking forward to hearing from you considering this matter

Sincerely

LONITA, CALIFORNIA  
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
BELMONT 78, MASSACHUSETTS

CINEMA EDUCATION GUILD, INC  
P.O. BOX 46205, COLE BRANCH  
HOLLYWOOD 46, CALIFORNIA

THE WHITE SENTINEL  
P.O. BOX 9013 FT. LAUDERDALE  
FLORIDA

MY NAME & ADDRESS

[REDACTED]  
KOMITA, CALIFORNIA  
DAvewood 50746

OR  
TURN 83491 IN SAN BERNARDINO

1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California  
January 13, 1961

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[Redacted]  
Lomita, California

Dear [Redacted]:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Although I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer that we do, or that we do not, have the information you request.

Very truly yours,

*Wm G. Simon*

W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Los Angeles (100-59001)

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| Complainant                |      |  | Complainant's address and telephone number |      |            | Complaint received   |
|                            |      |  | San Marino, Calif.                         |      |            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br>Date 1-17-61 Time 2:15PM |
| Subject's Description      | Race | Sex  | Height                                     | H    | W          | Birth date and Birthplace  |
|                            |      | <input type="checkbox"/> Male<br><input type="checkbox"/> Female | Weight                                     | Eyes | Complexion |  |
| Scars, marks or other data |      |  |  |      |            |  |

## Facts of complaint

C stated that he is a full time employee of the John Birch Society, and that he travels to all areas of So. Calif. to show films and speak on anti-Communist activities.

C stated that yesterday, 1-16-61 he showed a film to the San Diego Naval Air Station and that he was received by [redacted]

C stated that both [redacted] seemed somewhat hostile to his program.

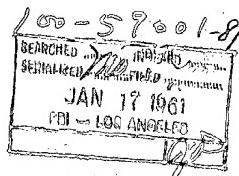
C appears to be sincere, but is nervous and at times has difficulty in making himself understood because of the rapidity in his speech.

C was thanked for this information.

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(Agent) [redacted]



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Date received

1/16/61

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

in person  by telephone  by mail  orally  recording device  written by informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

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Date of Report

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Date(s) of activity

Authenticated  
by Informant \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of activity or material

Info from [redacted] indicating 1/7/61  
her membership in John Birch Society  
cced to [redacted] #COA 1/7/61

File where original is located if not attached

Remarks: asking for literature.

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Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that I have joined the John Birch Society. My card reads that I am accredited as a member in Chapter 309 and that the card expires on Dec. 14, 1961.

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This group meets in Hollywood at the home of  
[REDACTED] Holly-  
wood.

This also will notify you that as a teacher I belong to CTA, NEA, ATOLA Substitute and Probationary Teachers Association, and LAETC, the Belvedere Elementary PTA and pay dues into our own Belvedere Faculty Club...  
(A quiet tune of some \$60. a year)...

Signed...January 7, 1961

[REDACTED]  
Glendale, 2, California.

Personally  
acknowledged  
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January, 7, 1961

Honorable Francis E. Walter,  
Committee on Un-American Activities,  
U. S. House Office Building,  
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Sir and Committee:

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I am a Sixth Grade teacher in the Los Angeles City Schools. We live in Glendale and our daughter attends Immaculate Heart High School in Hollywood. Our son attends the University of Oregon and is in his second year of Pre-Law. My husband is an engineer at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. This is some of our background.

We have always tried to school our children to search for truth and have used the House Un-American Activities reports as authority for all debate on matters pertaining to foreign infiltration of our United States of America.

Our daughter, [redacted] needed material for her debate (She is on the Immaculate Heart debate team,) on the UU and especially on the Alger Hiss trial and his connection with the United Nations. We naturally went to the local Glendale library. We could find no evidence of HUAC reports there, only State Committee reports for California. So, I asked the Research Librarian why there were no HUAC reports for high school and college students to use for research. It caused quite a consternation around the library. Since there are two high schools, of which a high percentage of students attend college away and at Glendale Junior College, I felt taking a stand on this matter was imperative.

So, sir, I am requesting, is it is at all possible, that at the discretion of your committee, could we have for the Glendale Library a full set of reports? Thus, our children may have the truth about communist infiltration to use in debate and in their school papers. Whether they are sent to me or directly to the Glendale Public Library, 319 East Harvard St., Glendale, we hope that they will be available. Should you send them to me, they would be presented to the Library by [redacted] an attorney and an active Democrat, who will make sure that they are a part of the research stacks library.

Thank you very much for considering this letter. May the Lord bless your fine work in keeping the nation alert to the ever-present dangers that bore from within. Your courage and willingness to fight evil at its very root is keeping our country strong. Thank you, gentleman, for the hours of devotion you give above and beyond your regular Congressional duties.

Sincerely yours,

*John M. Jackson*

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[redacted]  
Glendale, 2, California.

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SAN MARTIN, CALIF.

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in person  by telephone  by mail  orally  recording device  written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report \_\_\_\_\_

Dictated \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of activity \_\_\_\_\_

Transcribed \_\_\_\_\_

Authenticated  
by Informant \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of activity or material

"The Blue Book of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY"

File where original is located if not attached \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

*Does not wish book returned.*

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## Facts of complaint

[redacted] of a commercial art Service, [redacted] and [redacted] Los Angeles, stated that he had read the Director's book, Masters of Deceit and hadn't realized that the communists were so bad in the United States. [redacted] said that he has joined the John Birch society, which is an organization to help fight communism. [redacted] stated that his position in his agency helps him to 'get around' the various advertising agencies, that this might be of some value to the FBI.

[redacted] was thanked for his offer and was advised that the FBI would consider his offer and would contact him if his assistance could be utilized.

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*(Signature)*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1340 West 6th Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I have been approached by several persons regarding the John Birch or John Birch groups. These are supposedly anti-Communistic gatherings to educate the persons concerning the dangers of Communism and how to recognize them.

I would like to know if the FBI has given clearance to such groups, and if they are recognized to be what they represent and not a facade covering a subversive group.

sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Whittier, California

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1340 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 17, California  
January 31, 1961

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[redacted]  
Whittier, California

Dear [redacted]

This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter.

Although I would like very much to be able to help you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of any individual, organization, or publication. Furnishing information of the type you requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the organization you named, and I am unable to answer your inquiry.

I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule. No inference should be drawn in this connection either that we do or do not have data concerning the organization in question.

Very truly yours,

*GJ*

W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 2/1/61

FROM : ASAC W. M. ALEXANDER

SUBJECT: JOHN BURCH SOCIETY  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING

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[redacted] Santa Barbara, California, called me while I was in the Santa Barbara Resident Agency and desired to know whether or not the Bureau approved of the JOHN BURCH SOCIETY. She indicated that she was possibly going to write Mr. HOOVER in Washington for any information he might have concerning this society.

I pointed out to [redacted] that such a letter was unnecessary, that the Bureau in Washington would not be able to give her any information inasmuch as it was not within the duties of this Bureau to evaluate individuals or organizations. I told her that under the circumstances, we would not be able to give her any information.

She requested the method of getting the list of subversive organizations designated by the Attorney General and I told her to write to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Security Division of the Department of Justice.

The above is submitted for record purposes.

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| Subject's name and aliases<br><b>John Birch Society</b>   |                    | Address of subject<br><b>L.A.</b>   |                      | Character of case<br><b>I S-C</b>  |                    |                   |                      |                 |            |  |                   |  |
| Complainant<br>[Redacted]   |                    | Complainant's address and telephone number<br>[Redacted]<br><b>SIXTH PARADISE</b> |                      | Complaint received<br><input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br>Date <b>2-4-61</b> Time <b>103</b> |                    |                   |                      |                 |            |  |                   |  |
| Subjective Description  | Race<br>[Redacted] | Sex<br><input type="checkbox"/> Male<br><input type="checkbox"/> Female           | Height<br>[Redacted] | Hair<br>[Redacted]   |                    |                   |                      |                 |            |  |                   |  |
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| Scars, marks or other data<br><b>Jay - 100-63917A</b><br><b>32736 # NI</b>  |                    |   |                      |  |                    |                   |                      |                 |            |  |                   |  |
| Facts of complaint<br>Wanted to know if the above was a<br>subversive organization.. She was advised<br><del>etc</del> of confidential nature of FBI<br>records & furnished with address of<br>U.S. Dep. Internal Security Div. Subversive<br>organization section, Washington DC. for further<br>inquiry             |                    |   |                      |  |                    |                   |                      |                 |            |  |                   |  |
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By Hans Engh / 1/22  
News-Press Staff Writer

The John Birch Society, whose self-appointed leader called President Eisenhower "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy," was formed in Indianapolis Dec. 9, 1958. It began its semi-secret existence in Santa Barbara about a year ago.

What is this organization, which has become established in many parts of the country, and whose members, among other things, are urged to "take over the PTAs"? In

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Santa Barbara, questions about it are being asked with mounting frequency. Literature about the society is being circulated. Rumors are flying.

### STUDY GROUPS

Locally, the society is reported to have several chapters with the membership running into "the hundreds." The chapters meet once a month in private homes as study groups. Members hear tape recordings, view motion pictures, discuss aspects of the "Communist conspiracy," listen to book reviews, discuss tactics, and in general make themselves better equipped, so they believe, to meet what they term the challenge of Communism.

That meeting in Indianapolis was called by Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., a retired candy manufacturer who in January, 1957, left the business world, he said, to devote his time, money and energy to the anti-Communist cause.

He told the 1b present that the society, which would function almost entirely through small local chapters, usually of from "10 to 20 dedicated patriots," would promote "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

### 'THE POLITICIAN'

The statement that Welch considers Eisenhower an agent of the Communist party is contained in a 302-page manuscript called "The Politician." Originally written as a letter in 1954 and added to from time to time, it was intended as a confidential document outlining Welch's opinions regarding the progress of Communism, particularly in the United States.

Welch told the Boston Herald that he "added to it every

time I got requests for it." He said: "By 1956 it had grown to 6,000 words. By 1958 it was up to 80,000. At that point I decided to reproduce it by offset."

Copies of the book were distributed to some of the top leaders of the John Birch Society, but Welch said that he is trying to withdraw each copy, and "get it out of circulation as quickly as possible."

### MILTON TOO

In "The Politician" Welch said: "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct. But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt." He also said of Eisenhower that "... there is only one word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."

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The Politician also describes former Presidents Roosevelt and Truman as tools of international Communism, along with the Dulles brothers and various other high government officials, including Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Dr. Granville Knight, Santa Barbara physician and a member of the 28-man national council of the society, said in an interview that he has read "The Politician." He said that the book is a confidential document, that it contains Welch's personal opinions, that it was written before the formation of the society, and that it now has been withdrawn.

#### DON'T AGREE

Asked whether the statement about the President appears in the book, Dr. Knight answered: "I won't say whether it does or not . . . It is unfortunate if it does." Other local society members who also were asked about the book said that they have not read it, and that they do

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not agree with Welch that Eisenhower is a Communist.

Attorney General Stanley Mosk said in Santa Barbara recently that "from the nature of this organization, as reported to me and as indicated by the press, I would consider it to be clearly subversive in nature. Certainly, the indication that the President of the United States is a Communist, and the assertion that his purpose and actions are treasonable, would constitute criminal libel under the laws of California. If such an organization is attempting to gain foothold in this state, I would urge prosecution under our criminal libel statutes by local law enforcement agencies."

#### TAKE OVER

In his Bulletin for September of last year, one of the many publications put out by Welch, he urged the members to "take over" the P.T.A. "Join your local PTA at the beginning of the school year, get your conservative friends to do likewise, and go to work to take it over," he aid.

"You will run into real battles against determined extremists who have had every way. But it is the went on the offensive."

such groups the instruments of conservative purposes, with the same vigor and determination that the 'liberals' have used the opposite aims. When you and your friends get the local PTA group straightened out, move up the ladder as soon as you can to exert a wider influence. And don't let the dirty tactics of the opposition get you down," he said.

Believing that the war between Communism and the free world is being fought on the political and educational level and alleging that "democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery and a perennial fraud," Welch, in his Blue Book, has outlined areas of endeavor for society members.

#### READING ROOMS

He urges the establishment of reading rooms which also can serve as rental libraries. He suggests that the circulation of various publications be expanded, that members embark upon letter-writing campaigns, that they organize fronts assigned to certain purposes, that they start "shocking the American people," and that they obtain and feature "appropriate" speakers.

Welch was born Dec. 1, 1899, on a farm in Chowan county, N.C. He attended

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the University of North Carolina for four years, the Naval Academy at Annapolis for two years and Harvard Law School for two years. He moved to Boston from North Carolina in 1919, and has lived in Belmont for the past 20 years. He has been active in Republican politics in Massachusetts.

**CHINA ACCOUNT**  
He took the name for his society from John Birch, a Christian missionary from a farm near Macon, Ga. Birch, according to Welch, was in China when the U.S. entered World War II. On July 4, 1942, he officially joined Chennault's forces in Chungking as a volunteer, and rose to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army.

Ten days after V-J Day,

while in uniform and reportedly on a peaceful mission for the U.S. government, he was killed by the Chinese Communists. Welch calls him "the first casualty in the third world war, between the Communists and the ever-shrinking free world."

(Tomorrow: The John Birch Society in Santa Barbara.)

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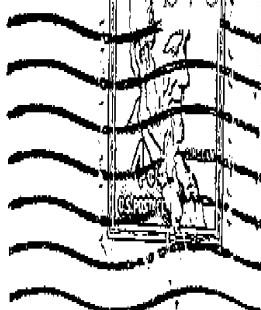


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To whom it may concern,

If it is available, I would appreciate it very much, if you would send some information concerning Communism.

It is my desire to be come more informed about their activities. I recently attended a showing of the film Communism on the Map presented by the John Birch Society. It is alarming that such a condition exist. hol

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that my interest is only recent,  
but dates back for at least  
5 years. If it is at all  
possible to enlighten me

about the John Birch Society;  
concerning their goals, I want  
to join it if it isn't just  
some sort of subterfuge & not  
at all what they have led  
me to believe.

Thank you for your  
consideration..

Sincerely



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[Redacted]  
Granada Hills, California

RE: INFORMATION CONCERNING  
BIRCH SOCIETY AS COMMUNIST  
S-8-86 SPY-BRAGM

Dear [Redacted]:

Thank you for your letter of February 3, 1961.

In regard to your inquiry concerning the John Birch Society, although I would like to be of service I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual. I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer that we do, or that we do not, have the information you request.

I am enclosing some literature concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Gm

W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Facts of complaint

[redacted] who is assigned to Fort MacArthur, advised he and his wife are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS). Another member of their church received through the mails a pamphlet entitled, "Red Stars Number Three," published by the CINEMA EDUCATION GUILD, INC., and mailed by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, P. O. Box 45712, Los Angeles.

According to [redacted] the pamphlet lists about 100 names of Hollywood personalities who are or have been Communists.

[redacted] wanted to know if this office had any information regarding the two organizations. He was informed of the confidential nature of FBI files. However, he was furnished with the address of the U. S. Department of Justice whereby he could make inquiry.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-new)

DATE: 2/10/61

FROM : SA(A) [redacted]

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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The following information was furnished to [redacted] by [redacted] residing at [redacted] (Montecito) Santa Barbara, California, and employed by the U. S. Navy at the Pacific Missile Range, Point Mugu, California, as a Technical Writer.

[redacted] was interviewed at Point Mugu, California on 2/3/61 at his request.

[redacted] advised that he has become quite concerned over the issue of the John Birch Society which in his words is causing a furor in the Santa Barbara area.

[redacted] stated that the local paper in Santa Barbara had editorialized against the John Birch Society which resulted in a division of thought in the Santa Barbara Community resulting in numerous letters to the editor of the paper expressing views on both sides of the question.

[redacted] advised that some months ago and prior to the newspaper campaign in Santa Barbara, he was invited to the home of an individual to what he thought was a social type gathering. [redacted] states that at this residence a tape recording was played for the guests which tape recording was one made by GEORGE WELCH described as the founder or leader of the John Birch Society. [redacted] states he was "astounded" at the thoughts put forth by WELCH on this tape. WELCH advocated the destruction of Communism, was very strongly anti-Communistic, however,

[redacted] states in his opinion he had gone too far. [redacted] stated WELCH practically accused President EISENHOWER of being a Communist and spoke in high tones of the quality of the Government in the Dominican Republic and openly stated his hero as far as Government is concerned is represented by [redacted]

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[redacted] states upon the conclusion of this tape recording he was vocal in his objections to some of the thoughts expressed by WELCH and he was further "astounded" at the reaction of the other members of the audience, mainly they were apparently all in favor of WELCH's program and made no attempt to conceal their hostility towards [redacted]

Subsequently, when the issue of the John Birch Society came out in the local press, [redacted] states he wrote a letter to the editor on 1/28/61 which letter was published in the newspaper. [redacted] furnished SAA [redacted] a copy of this letter which reads as follows:

"Editor, News-Press: Hearty congratulations on the great public service you have performed in showing up the ROBERT WELCH conspiracy in its true colors. No demigod who illifies our presidents, our Supreme Court Justices, and our most prominent Americans, is fit to lead a campaign against our communists, enemies and traitors. Especially when his stated idea of a fine Government is that of the Dictator [redacted]

"WELCH and his activists have done our community a great deal of harm. They have spread the whole gammit of Fascist doctrine with incideous Fascist techniques. They demand obedience without questions.

"That this should have happened to Santa Barbara, of all places, is like something out of a bad dream, - a plot from Twilight Zone.

"These conspirators talk against Communism. Their real purpose is to destroy our free American system. They have infiltrated too far. They should be cleared out of those places

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"where they stand to win iron corsess for disseminating ideologies which have placed too many Americans under crosses of wood or stone. Signed [redacted]

Subsequent to the publication of the above letter, [redacted] states he has determined that several calls have been made to [redacted] Point Mugu, California, which callers never identified themselves but tell [redacted] that [redacted] is a "dirty Communist" and ask question like "what are you going to do about it" etc. [redacted] states he considers this a insidious attack in an attempt to get his job because of his open objection to what he considers a completely wrong method of fighting Communism. [redacted] states that in his career he has worked for the U. S. Government in the propaganda field, that he was with OSS during the latter stage of the World War II after prior World War II service in the Marine Corps, that he directed anti-Communist as well as anti-Fascist propaganda and movies particularly in Italy and he feels that he has a background of being anti-Communist aswell as anti-Fascist that should satisfy even the severest critic.

[redacted] exhibited to SAA [redacted] certain items of literature that he states have been received through the mail by a friend of his, an individual he identified as [redacted]. This literature included an August, 1959 issue of the American Nationalist and other undated items that were derogatory as to the Jewish religion. [redacted] concluded by stating the situation has him extremely worried in that he feels the community of Santa Barbara is being divided as a result of the arguments pro and con concerning the John Birch Society and he feels that this type of division is working in the benefit of the Communist conspiracy and he is desirous of discussing this situation in greater detail with the Santa Barbara Resident Agent.

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## Summer's Report



### Introducing the John Birch Group

By BILL SUMNER

We have in our midst a growing, increasing active group of ultra conservatives doing business as the John Birch Society. More than likely this is the first time that many of you will have heard of it. It is not a secret organization, but it has avoided publicity while gaining strength.

It is a national organization dedicated to the destruction of communism in this country and a rebuilding of this nation in the conservative image. It seeks to educate the public, as with some local sponsorship of documentary films and aims at local political influence.

Until recently, the members of its cells have sought to influence with letter writing campaigns, such as that demanding the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, but now has a record of influence in at least one school board campaign, that of La Canada, and has as a target the defeat of so-called left-wing elements in the PTA.

It is a dedicated, disciplined group which probably numbers in the hundreds in this area. The objective in the United States is a membership of a million.

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**THE SOCIETY** was founded in Indianapolis on Dec. 9, 1958, by Robert Welch, 71, formerly the head of the candy company which bears his name. It was named for a John Birch, a captain in the U.S. Army who, it is said, was murdered by Chinese Communists 10 days after VJ Day.

Welch is a well-educated man. He is a native of North Carolina and graduated from the university there. He attended Annapolis for two years, Harvard Law School for two more, and has lived in Boston since

He is not only the founder of the organization, but its absolute boss as well. No bones are made about this. Potential recruits are told frankly at organization meetings that Welch will do their thinking. Such is the nature of the emergency in regard to the Communist conspiracy that there is no place for dissent within the ranks.

Welch, in fact, has been quoted as saying:

"Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon

of demagogery, and a perennial fraud."

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**LOCALLY**, recruiting efforts are staged in homes and consist mainly of a four-hour movie in which Welch explains the aims and methods of his group. Welch is the sole occupant of the screen, and it is understood that this is merely a segment of a 12-hour-long movie, also of Welch.

After explaining the origins of the Society, he goes on to say that there must be complete obedience within the group. He states that Communists would infiltrate with any other process and make their work easier.

He explains that the Society is organized on a cell theory of operations. Each cell director attends monthly meetings to get directions from a district director and then reports back to his own group.

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**A DIRECTOR** is responsible for his group's cooperation. Anyone who does not cooperate faces immediate expulsion.

Assignments also come in the monthly John Birch Bulletin, edited by Welch.

What is not discussed at this preliminary meeting is a booklet written by Welch, called "The Politician," which identifies former President Eisenhower, Chief Justice Earl Warren, and others of the Eisenhower administration as Communists.

We'll go further into this one on Monday.

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## Sumner's Report



### Ike a Red, John Birch Leader Says

By BILL SUMNER

It is difficult to quarrel with the stated aim of the John Birch Society.

"Our dedicated purpose," states one of its manifestos, "is to alert persons of good character—regardless of race, color or creed—to the dangers of Communism, and to point out by means of films, tapes, books and pamphlets, documentary evidence of Socialist and/or Communist advances within this country."

Some of the many hundreds of well-meaning people who have been attracted to the Society in this area might be interested in just how far the founder and boss of this organization feels the Communist conspiracy has gone.

Robert Welch, 71, the founder of the John Birch Society, stated flatly in a booklet he had printed in 1958, that President Eisenhower is a Communist.

He wrote, in "The Politician":

"While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct. But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

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**COPIES OF** this book were given to the leaders of the movement but efforts are being made now to withdraw it from circulation.

Evidently there is disagreement in the organization on the infallibility of Founder Welch in at least this one instance.

Dr. Granville Knight, Santa Barbara physician, and a member of the national Council of the John Birch Society, described it as a confidential document containing Welch's personal opinions.

Welch is the man, at any rate, who directs the team in such activities as letter writing, school book censorship and political action. He is the man who has urged his members to take over the PTAs to "make such

groups the instrument of conservative purposes, with the same vigor and determination that the liberals have used the opposite aims."

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**AND HE** has the backing of a group of considerable importance in this country, members of his Council, which includes Dean Clarence Manion, T. Coleman Andrews, Adolph Menjou and Spruille Braden.

Locally, and in this area, the Society seems to be attracting men and women of some substance. It would not pay to dismiss them as a group of fanatics and crackpots worthy only of a passing snort.

Two candidates in the recent La Canada school board election, for example, one of them successful, feel that the Society had some influence in that election. How much, it would be difficult to say, but both candidates seemed to regard the Society as faintly menacing and potentially dangerous.

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**MENACE?** A danger? I think at the moment that may be reaching. But there is a feeling of some discomfort. I have the feeling that here is a group of dedicated men and women, with some potential for power, who do not believe in the democratic form of government.

I may be wrong in this conclusion, but there is nothing to suggest that I am. This, I guess, is the season for understatement.

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FROM : SUPERVISOR [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

[redacted] Pasadena,  
telephone [redacted] telephonically inquired on 2/13/61  
as to the nature of the John Birch Society and as to whether  
or not he should join it. The Bureau's policy in this matter  
was explained to [redacted]

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## Anti-Red Films Showing Slated

SAN MARINO — A second showing of two anti-Red films which drew a turn-away crowd three weeks ago is scheduled this evening.

The John Birch Society again will sponsor showing of "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on the Map" at 7:30 p.m. in Huntington School auditorium.

More than 250 people were turned away at the first screening when more than 500 jammed the school's auditorium.

Seating will be on a first come, first served basis, according to Mrs. Clifford Hurley.

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A View of the News

# George Todt's Opinion

"The first great break for the Communist conspiracy came in 1936, with our formal recognition of Stalin's regime." — ROBERT WELCH, Look at the Score.

Do more than 100 American patriotic societies possess the right to press for the impeachment of the Chief Justice of the United States by Congress in these modern times?

Many members of the press consider this such a ticklish question that they would prefer to see it swept under the rug.

Frankly, I think the question deserves to be aired. Why not put the cards on the table for everybody to see? Who is afraid of the truth? Let the chips fall where they may!

What are the facts in this case?

They are, quite simply, that the John Birch Society — a rapidly mushrooming anti-Communist organization in the United States — has requested a large number of American patriotic societies to join with it in whipping up popular support in Congress to impeach Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

There seems to be a lot of grass roots sympathy for this action and the movement is apparently growing by leaps and bounds.

## Questions Wisdom..

I do not believe that there has been any false inference that Mr. Warren is a Communist, which he most certainly is not! The John Birch Society merely claims that he has performed his official duties poorly and in such manner as to bring



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considerably less than terror to the hearts of the Reds. It questions the wisdom of certain key decisions.

According to Robert Welch, founder of the society, one of these was Brown versus Brown because it overturned numerous previous decisions by the same court on nothing more substantial than "a set of psychological and sociological theories advanced by a Swedish Socialist named Gunnar Myrdal and a group of American Communist-fronters with whom Myrdal had been associated."

Here are three more decisions which have particularly incensed Welch and his supporters, as seen through his eyes:

In the Steve Nelson case the Warren Court wiped out the anti-sedition laws of more than 40 states, and denied those states the right to protect themselves against treason, on the ground that the federal government had preempted the sedition field by passing the Smith Act (which Act this same Supreme Court has done everything it could to vitiate).

## Of His Acts!

In the Konigsberg case the Warren Court canceled the right of any state to deny a license to practice law to a man merely because he would not say whether he was a Communist or not.

In the Sweezy case the Warren Court reversed the New Hampshire Supreme Court and held that the

attorney general of New Hampshire was without authority to question a lecturer at the state university—supported by the taxpayers of New Hampshire—concerning reported subversive activities.

"There have been dozens more which we cannot even mention here."

Welch bases his argument for impeachment on Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution, which provides that federal judges "shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour."

## Here Are Some...

Since the Constitution specifies no other arrangement for limiting the tenure of federal judges to the periods of their "good behaviour," Welch believes it is to be considered obvious that impeachment is to be used for those who violate this requirement.

Now it appears that there is a considerable body of American citizens who express themselves as dissatisfied with the behaviour of Mr. Warren as Chief Justice of the United States.

They want Congress to bring impeachment proceedings against him.

I am not arguing the

merits of this case, pro or con.

But the question has been raised as to whether these people are within their legal rights to take this kind of action.

Actually, it seems to this writer that no office-holder in this democratic Republic of ours ought to be beyond the reach of the people should they become dissatisfied with his public actions.

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**Undeniable Facts!**

I say this impartially with reference to any position and regardless of the political party, race, creed or color of the person holding it.

Those in public life who arouse the wrath of the people must expect to settle their account with the people thereafter.

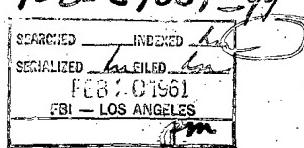
Impeachment by Congress under special circumstances is a legitimate kind of accounting in the Republic of the United States.

I am not a member of the John Birch Society, although I know fellow citizens who are enrolled in the organization.

From all outward appearances I have been impressed with their dedication to anti-Communism and constitutional Americanism.

I cannot see where they have overstepped their rights here.

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| Facts of complaint<br>Elementary Schools, Upland, advised that [redacted] an acquaintance of Agent, who is Supt. of [redacted]<br>[redacted] Ontario, is extremely active in behalf of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in the Ontario-Upland area. During the past week she held a meeting at her house and had educators and other prominent persons present. A movie was shown and a representative from the JOHN BIRCH Society talked, attacked President Eisenhower and demanded impeachment of Chief Justice EARL WARREN.<br><br>[redacted] stated that he is very much against communism but he does not like the approach of The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, feels they go to far, etc. He stated that [redacted] is the widow of a prominent Ontario dentist who was killed in an automobile accident in which [redacted] was badly injured. She has recently been very active against communism. She has asked him to have the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY program presented to all of the Upland Elementary School teachers. He is reluctant to do so because of the nature of it. |                            |  |                  |   |                           |
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|   |                                       | Complainant's address and<br><b>Palos Verdes, Calif.</b> |                        | Complaint received<br><input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br><b>Date 2/22/61 Time 10:24AM</b> |                           |
| Subject's<br>Description                                | Race<br><input type="checkbox"/> Male | Sex<br><input type="checkbox"/> Female                   | Height<br><b>5'10"</b> | Build<br><b>Medium</b>   | Birth date and Birthplace |
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Facts of complaint Complainant, who was telephonically contacted at 10:24AM, 2/22/61 by the writer in response to a call made by complainant a few minutes prior while the writer was taking another telephonic complaint, asked the writer where information could be obtained officially about the John Birch Society. The confidential nature of Bureau files was explained to complainant, and he was referred to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Dep't. of Justice, Washington, D. C. In view of the word "Subversive", complainant was specifically cautioned to draw no conclusions due to its use.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

DATE: 2/23/61

FROM : SA RILEY L. MILLARD

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY:

[redacted]  
On 2/23/61 [redacted] advised that /is a local paid employee of the John Birch Society. On 2/21/61 about 3:00 PM while driving toward Ojai, on the Casitas Pass Road, he stopped his car on the road near the Otto Hopkins Ranch and walked up the hill to the left through the trees to look at some property he was interested in.

As he returned to the road, three men accosted him and one of them said, "you had better stop the work you are doing." One of the men reached out to take [redacted] arm and as he did, [redacted] kicked one of the men in the groin. At his point one of the men slugged [redacted] with his fist in the temple area on the left side of his head. [redacted] became groggy and the three men departed in a 1960 Chevrolet. Color not known.

[redacted] described the men as of possible Italian descent, between 30 and 40 years of age, medium build and wearing dress suits. He stated that he could not identify them further and that he doubts if he would recognize them again.

He stated that he is aware that this is not a matter over which the FBI would have investigative jurisdiction, but that he wanted to tell it to the FBI provided the matter be kept confidential. He stated that he did not report the incident to the SO since he does not trust the SO. He stated that he came to the FBI at the suggestion of [redacted]

Recommendation: Information only.

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## Biased 'Opinion' at Library-- Few Facts

Editor, News-Press: Two of your letter writers (Loren R. Ellwein and Ann Gilbert, News-Press, Jan. 28 and Feb. 1) objected to your reporter's distorted presentation of the aims and objectives of the John Birch Society, and recommended that all interested individuals obtain the "facts" at the American Opinion Library, 132 E. Canon Perdido.

As an interested individual, I followed their suggestion, and went to the library. I admit that I had preconceptions about what I would find . . . and they were verified.

I didn't find a library; at least, not in any meaningful sense of the term. After being met by a charming and courteous middle-aged woman, I was led into the "library," which impressed me as being rather sparsely stocked. I inquired of the lady if what lay before me was the entire library and she assured me it was. The library consisted of one shelf of books and numerous shelves of pamphlets. The shelf of books contained (as I expected) "The Naked Communist," by Skousen; "The Cry Is Peace," by Lou Budenz (the professional witness); "Masters of Deceit," by Edgar Hoosier, and

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~~somes~~ by Whittaker Chambers, Schwarz, Philbrick, Strube, Dies, etc; I would say, though, I didn't count them, that there were about 15 volumes in all. Now, if one were to read only the above-mentioned books, one would get the impression that one's wife was a Communist. But the American Opinion Library does not want you to go away with only one side of the story; the pamphlets in the library tell the other side. Most of the pamphlets were for sale and I bought the \$2.00 John Birch Society "Blue Book," in a plain cover. However, I received some literature free which was all prepared by the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade (headquarters in Houston, Tex.), and written by some of the fellows who wrote the books referred to above. Coincidentally, two of the fellows who wrote the pamphlets, and two of the books, are officers of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. A reprint of testimony before the HUAC turned out to be Mr. Schwartz's testimony. Mr. Schwarz wrote one of the books, one of the pamphlets and is an officer of you know what organization.

The point I am making here is that the American Opinion Library has offered me more opinion than fact (and biased opinion, at that). Your readers who contend that Americans are getting only one side of the story on Communism should get together and ac-

quire more books for the American Opinion Library, possibly, a few that hold opinions adverse to their own.

Ronald S. Riley,  
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## Our Readers' Views

# Significance Seen In Attitude of FBI

Editor, News-Press: I've managed to live through two wars and numerous other national and international crises without ever feeling constrained to sound off publicly. However, I've become increasingly concerned of late about the serious problem of Communist subversion in this country, and I suddenly feel an overpowering urge to stand up and be counted—at least on two issues that have been generating considerable steam in this area recently. I refer

to (1) The activities and aims of the John Birch Society, (2) The rioting at the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings in San Francisco last May.

Now inasmuch as each of these issues involves charges of subversion, it seemed reasonable to me to seek the truth from America's foremost authority on subversive activities, the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Accordingly, I sent a letter to the FBI requesting the facts.

A few days ago I received a personal letter from J. Edgar Hoover which states in part: "The jurisdiction and

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*J. Edgar Hoover*

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responsibilities of the FBI do  
not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau."

In reading the "Blue Book" of the John Birch Society, I find that it was organized on Dec. 9, 1958. Now, if this "Fascist" group—as our beloved "liberals" of the community are wont to describe the movement—has been functioning on a national basis for over two years, and the FBI, this nation's watchdog, has not considered it necessary to investigate its activities, I suggest it's reasonable to assume that Mr. Hoover does not regard this organization as being in any way subversive—regardless of what California's attorney general or any other politically motivated person might state.

If Mr. Welch, the society's founder, was correctly quoted as accusing ex-President Eisenhower of having Communist affiliations, then I disagree with him. However, I do not believe that an organization that is apparently doing an effective job—judging by the anguished screams of the "liberals"—should be de-

praised and ridiculed out of  
existence because of one or two mistakes on the part of its founder. I personally believe, based on what I've read and heard, that the society is no more than it purports to be—a weapon to combat subversion.

Now, as to the San Francisco affair. Along with the letter from Mr. Hoover I received a pamphlet written by him entitled: "Communist Target—Youth." This report states that the so-called "spontaneous" demonstrations against the HUAC hearings were in fact organized and controlled by the Communists from beginning to end. This document, complete with names and pictures of the agitators, makes fascinating reading. I urge all News-Press readers who are interested in the facts of this nefarious business to write to the FBI for a copy.

Robert E. Jones  
207 Cordova Dr.

Los Angeles  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 2/17/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

[redacted] Col - 1270  
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY 100-57750-2  
INFORMATION CONCERNING 100-0-67195 C

[redacted]  
La Canada, telephone [redacted] advised that she was interested in the John Birch Society and was somewhat incensed by recent columns by writer BILL SOMNER in the "Pasadena Star News."

She was furnished the address for obtaining a list of organizations declared subversive by the Attorney General, which was as she had requested.

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| Complainant   |      | Complainant's address and telephone number<br><b>Pasadena,</b> |        | Complaint received<br><input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic |            |
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|   | Age  | <input type="checkbox"/> Female                                | Weight | Eyes   | Complexion |
| Scars, marks or other data                                    |      |  |        |  |            |

## Facts of complaint

Complainant telephonically contacted this office and advised that she and her husband had been approached to join the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. She inquired if this office could give her any information concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. [REDACTED] was informed that under Departmental direction the files of the FBI are confidential and no information could be made available to her. It was suggested that she might consider directing a letter to the Department of Justice, Internal Security Division, Attention: Subversive Control Section, regarding the substance of her inquiry as to whether the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was communistic.

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SA [redacted] showing  
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The John Birch Society

The John Birch Society with its National Headquarters at Belmont 78, Massachusetts, was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana on December 9, 1958. It is a membership-type organization with various local chapters throughout the United States and a central Home Chapter located at the National Headquarters. The purpose of the John Birch Society is to promote less government, more responsibility and a better world.

NAME

The name for the John Birch Society was taken from Captain JOHN BIRCH. Captain BIRCH was a young Christian missionary in China, who was from a farm near Macon, Georgia. Captain BIRCH was in China when the United States entered World War II. He joined CHENNAULT's forces as a volunteer and later rose to the rank of Captain in the United States Army. Ten days after VJ Day, while still in uniform and on an official mission for the United States Government, he was reportedly murdered by the Chinese Communists.

FOUNDER

The John Birch Society was founded by ROBERT WELCH. WELCH was born December 1, 1899 in Chowan County, North Carolina. He attended the University of North Carolina for four years, the U. S. Naval Academy for two years and Harvard Law School for two years. WELCH went to Boston, Massachusetts from North Carolina in 1919. WELCH has written several books such as "The Road to Salesmanship"; "May God Forgive Us", and "The Life of John Birch". He is the editor and publisher of "American Opinion" a monthly magazine which reviews current events and appraises contemporary leaders on a world-wide basis.

WELCH, until recently retiring, was in the candy manufacturing business. He was for many years Vice-President in Charge of Sales and Advertising of the James O. Welch Company. He has been a member of the

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Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years and has also served for three years as a Regional Vice-President of the National Association of Manufacturers. As of January 1, 1957 WELCH gave up most of his business responsibilities in order to devote most of his time and energy to fighting Communism.

PURPOSE

The John Birch Society has set forth as its purpose an organization of Americans who have voluntarily joined together to:

1. Combat more effectively the evil forces which threaten our country, our lives and our civilization;
2. To prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out the deepening morass of collectivism, and
3. To restore the spiritual sense of value and the humane traditions on which our Western civilization has been built.

ORGANIZATION

The John Birch Society functions almost entirely through small local chapters. These chapters are usually made up of from ten to twenty individuals. Each chapter has a chapter leader who has been appointed by the Headquarters of the organization in Belmont, Massachusetts. There is one Home Chapter which is located at the National Headquarters.

Dues are paid and while a member may pay any amount that he desires, minimum amount of dues in a regular local chapter for men is \$24.00 per year and for women \$12.00 per year. Dues in a local chapter may be paid at the rate of \$2.00 per month for men and \$1.00 per month for women. Dues for the Home Chapter must be paid annually in lump sum, and are \$24.00 for men and \$12.00 for women

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and \$1,000.00 for a life membership in the Home Chapter which may be paid in two consecutive annual installments of \$500.00 each. It is necessary to fill out an application to join The John Birch Society and the application states:

"This is my application for membership in the Chapter of The John Birch Society, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet, as applicable to myself.

"If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance."

Local Chapters have been instructed by the National Headquarters to hold meetings at least once a month and to keep strict and careful control on what each chapter is doing. The National Headquarters of The John Birch Society had set a goal for 1959 the raising of \$1,000,000.00 of outside funds to carry on the work of the society. They also set as a goal 30,000 dedicated members for the year of 1959.

COUNCIL

The John Birch Society has as its top organizational structure a Council. The basic function of the Council is threefold:

1. To show the stature of standing of the leadership of the society;
2. To give to the founder the benefit of the Council's advice and guidance, and
3. To select with absolute and final authority a successor to WELCH as head of The John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society

This Council is made up of the following individuals:

Dr. N. E. ADAMSON, Jr. Assistant Medical Director of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company;

Mr. THOMAS J. ANDERSON, Editor and Publisher of "Farm and Ranch";

Hon. T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, Former Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States;

Hon. SPRUIILLE BRADEN, Former Ambassador to several countries; former Assistant Secretary of State. A top authority on Latin American affairs;

Col. LAURENCE E. BUNKER, Former Personal Aide to General Douglas MacArthur for  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years;

Mr. S. J. CONNER, Chicago business man. President of the Conroth Company;

Mr. RALPH E. DAVIS, President of General Plant Protection Corporation and affiliated companies, Los Angeles;

Dr. S. M. DRASKOVICH, Author of "Tito, Moscow's Trojan Horse". Editor-in-chief of "Srpska Borba" (The Serbian Struggle), a weekly newspaper, published in Chicago;

Mr. WM. J. GREDE, President of Grede Foundries, Inc., Milwaukee. Former President of the National Association of Manufacturers and former head of the International YMCA;

Mr. E. P. HAMILTON, President, Hamilton Manufacturing Company, Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Former President, Wisconsin Manufacturers Association.

Mr. A. G. HEINSOHN, Jr., President, Cherokee Mills, Sevierville, Tennessee. Author of "One Man's Fight for Freedom."

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Dr. GRANVILLE F. KNIGHT, a physician of Santa Barbara, California;

Mr. FRED C. KOCH, President, Rock Island Oil and Refining Company, Wichita, Kansas;

Mr. ALFRED KOHLBERG. Was a charter member of our Council. Now deceased;

Dean CLARENCE MANION. Former Dean of Notre Dame Law School. In 1953 was appointed, by President Eisenhower, chairman of a Special Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. He later resigned rather than stop crusading for the Bricker Amendment. Founded the Manion Forum, which now reaches a radio audience of many millions every week;

Mr. FRANK E. MASLAND, Jr. President of C. H. Masland & Sons (carpet manufacturers), Carlisle, Pennsylvania ;

Mr. N. FLOYD MC GOWIN. President, W. T. SMITH Lumber Company, Chapman, Alabama;

Mr. W. B. MC MILLAN. President of the Hussman Refrigerator Company, St. Louis, Missouri;

Mr. ADOLPHE MENJOU. Famous actor of screen, stage, and television. Also famous as an anti-Communist patriot;

Dr. REVIL O P. OLIVER. Professor of Classical Languages and Literature at the University of Illinois;

Mr. COLA G. PARKER. Former President of the Kimberly-Clark Company. Former President of the National Association of Manufacturers. At present, United States Employer Delegate;

Hon. M. T. PHELPS. Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona;

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Mr. LOUIS RUTHENBURG. Chairman of the Board of  
Servel, Inc., Evansville, Indiana;

Mr. JAMES SIMPSON, Jr. Was a charter member of our  
Council. Now deceased.

Mr. ROBERT W. STODDARD. President of Wyman-Gordon  
Company, Worcester, Massachusetts;

Lt. General CHARLES B. STONE, III, U. S. Air Force.  
(Retired);

Mr. ERNEST G. SWIGERT. President of the Hyster  
Company, Portland, Oregon.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 2/27/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFO CONCERNING

On 2/24/61 [redacted] Riverside, California, advised she has learned that a [redacted] (FNU) [redacted] is now living in Riverside and is apparently trying to spark the captioned group into some activity.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] called on her in an effort to interest her in joining the society, however she refused. She told him that from what she has heard and read about the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY it is a racist organization and for this reason wants nothing to do with it. She stated that [redacted] is practicing with a [redacted] [redacted] and claims to be a retired major from the US Marine Corps. She also stated that [redacted] a member of the Rive side City Council, is apparently a local member of the society.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

DATE: 2/27/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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[redacted] California (telephone [redacted]) at 10:37 a.m. on 2/17/61 advised that recently she had joined the John Birch Society, however, after reading that the founder of the John Birch Society reportedly had said that former President EISENHOWER was a Communist, she was somewhat perturbed about having joined this society. She was interested in obtaining a list of subversive organizations so designated by the Attorney General.

Accordingly, she was furnished the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. address where she could write and obtain the list she desired.

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To Whom This May Concern:

I am frankly interested in what type of organization  
the John Birch Society is or plans to be????

From the little I have heard about it and from just  
two articles (copies) I have personally read--I am  
more than curious.

Is there anything wrong with this organization? I am  
not thinking of joining but do know a few who seem to  
be more than just a little interested and it sounds like  
a rather poor excuse of something or other.

Could you send me any information you might have?

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

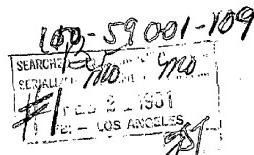
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of  
February 20, 1961.

Although I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer that we do, or that we do not, have the information you request.

Very truly yours,

W. G. SIMONST  
Special Agent in Charge

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Gentlemen:

I have been invited to join an organization named the "John Birch Society". I understand that this is a group formed in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 9, 1958 by Mr. Robert Welch (Welch Candies) to actively fight Communism.

I would like to participate in this effort, and will, if doing so will not jeopardize my Air Force secret clearance.

Please advise me in this matter. My Office Phone Number is GR 8-0251, Extension 450, or Home Phone [redacted]

Thank you.  
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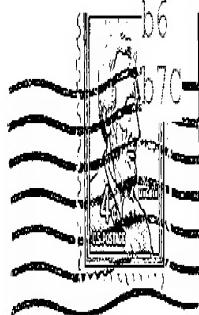
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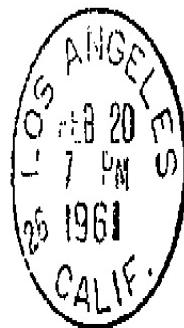
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[redacted]  
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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of February 24,  
1961.

In regard to your question as to whether or not you should join the John Birch Society, I wish to advise that the FBI is a fact-finding organization and as such cannot advise you as to the course of action which you should take. I would like to point out further that it is not within the limits of the prescribed functions of the FBI to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I am sure that you will readily understand the FBI's position in connection with your question.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

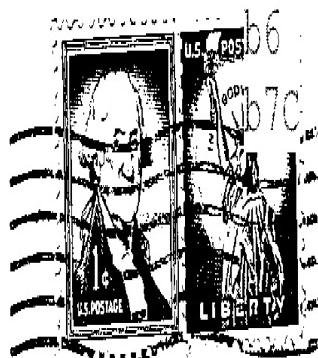
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

~~To Court House~~

San Bernardino,

California

Post office

27 Feb 1961

Dear Sir:

I have recently been invited to join 2 organizations. Since my job depends upon a secret security clearance I would like to check on these organizations to be sure that membership would not endanger my position.

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The organizations are:

The Congress of Conservative Committee

Bat 1100

Richmond, Va

and

The John Birch Society

\* no address available other than

(member in Mass.)

The John Birch Society is supposed to be some sort of Anti-Communist society and the Conservative Committee ~~not~~ supports Constitutional government.

Your answer will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Arcadia, Calif.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Pasadena,  
Calif.

Gentlemen:

In J. Edgar Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit" and in a leaflet "What You can do to fight COMMUNISM": "Patriotism is everybody's job" - We are told of some of the things that we can do to help.

Result: I joined the John Birch Society to help spread the word of the perils on every hand; RESULT I have been told that this organization is on your lists as a subversive. I have also been given some quotes presumably from the Society's publications that were supposed to appear in the Star News (Pasadena) as follows: Messrs. EISENHOWER, NIXON, AND GOLDWATER were attacked by the John Birch Society. I find no such accusations in the publications that I have.

SO WILL YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW IN THE PAPER OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER THAT IS POSSIBLE IF THERE IS ANY TRUTH IN THIS. WE ARE CONSTANTLY KEPT IN A STATE OF DOUBT AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD KEEP ON TRYING OR JUST GIVE UP ON THE JOB. WE JUST DO NOT KNOW WHO TO TRUST. The problem seems to be one of continually asking IS THIS RED OR RED, WHITE AND BLUE?

If there is a way to judge the legitimate anti-communist organizations or whether we are dupes, we would appreciate an answer.

Thank you,

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Arcadia, California

Dear [redacted]

Reference is made to your recent letter.

Although I would like very much to be able to help you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation do not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of any individual, organization, or publication. Furnishing information of the type you requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the organization you named, and I am unable to answer your inquiry.

I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule. No inference should be drawn in this connection either that we do or do not have data concerning the organization in question.

Very truly yours,

*GPD*  
W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Facts of complaint

Complainant desired to know if the John Birch Society was a subversive organization. She was advised of the confidential nature of FBI files. In response to her request concerning where she could write to obtain a list of subversive organizations on the Attorney General's list, she was referred to the U. S. Department of Justice, Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, Washington, D.C.

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By MARVIN SOSNA

The John Birch Society—sub-  
ject of considerable controver-  
sy during recent months—is  
coming to Ventura County.

Its arrival was heralded last  
night at a showing of the equal-  
ly-controversial film, "Opera-  
tion Abolition," before an over-  
flow crowd at the Church of  
the Nazarene.

The arrival time and place  
were not disclosed by spokes-  
men John Davies and Don Mac-  
Leod, both Santa Barbara Coun-  
ty residents and members of  
the John Birch Society there.

"We don't want publicity,"  
Davies said in reply to a ques-  
tion on organization plans here.  
"We don't want to be turned  
into a debating society; we  
don't want to be infiltrated."

The society lists as its goals  
"less government and more re-  
sponsibility." It favors reten-  
tion of the House Un-American  
Activities Committee, and is  
"against socialism." It favors  
abolition of the federal income  
tax, "but that is way down on  
our list," MacLeod replied in  
answer to a question on the  
goals of the organization.

The meeting last night was  
led by M. Manly Lewis, 710  
Mercer St., Ojai, a teacher of  
American government for the  
past 11 years at Ventura High  
School. "Operation Abolition"  
has been attacked as one-sided  
and distorted by its critics, and  
defended as forthright and doc-  
umentary by its proponents. It  
deals with the riots last Spring.

## Goal Set At Million

The John Birch Society, ac-  
cording to a bulletin issued by  
it a year ago, is governed by  
a council, and among the mem-  
bers of that council is Dr. Gran-  
ville M. Knight of Santa Bar-  
bara. At that time, Santa Bar-  
bara's chapter had a library of  
materials available to the public.  
The bulletin notes that the  
society, founded by retired can-  
dy-maker Robert Welch of Bel-  
mont, Mass., has as its goal 1  
million members.

"Neither the list of our mem-  
bers, of either local chapters or  
the Home Chapter, nor their  
number, is ever given out to  
anybody," the bulletin says.

Another document from the  
society says this privacy for  
members "is to protect those  
who do not wish to be disturbed  
by nuisance tactics." Member-  
ship, it points out, is by invi-  
tation only.

It takes its name from John  
Birch, an American Christian  
missionary, whom the society  
claims was killed "in cold blood  
by our 'allies,' the Chinese  
Communists . . . on Aug. 25,  
1945. He thus became prob-  
ably the first American casual-  
ty in that third World War, be-  
tween the Communists and the  
ever-shrinking 'free world,'  
which is still being waged  
against us 15 years later; a  
relentless war of which there is  
no end in sight."

reports in Santa Barbara and  
Los Angeles, and has been term-  
ed by some as a potent new  
force in the battle against Com-  
munist ideology in the United  
States, and branded by others  
as a neo-fascist group seeking  
a return of McCarthyism in the  
nation.

Davies said the group hopes  
to work through "aroused pub-  
lic opinion that will awaken your  
local congressman to the real  
menace of communism. "Our  
nation is going socialist and col-  
lectivist," he warned.

Asked whether Lewis would  
be forming the group in Ven-  
tura County, MacLeod said he  
assumed he would; Davies  
said he wouldn't.

Lewis warned in a preface to  
the film that "It is time to get  
busy. Our American heritage is  
faced with a relentless enemy."  
He said "None of us has any  
idea of going on a witch-hunt."

no one need accuse his neighbor  
of being a Communist or a Com-  
munist sympathizer; we don't  
have to suspect any neighbors."

Davies, who introduced the  
film, pointed out that it was ob-  
tained through Rep. Charles M.  
Teague, R-Calif. He said "Opera-  
tion Abolition" had done  
"more to start anti-Communism  
to action than anything that's  
come along." Noting that "there  
has been some criticism of the  
film, mainly with editing, that  
should not alter the fact of what  
you see. True," he continued,  
"the sound track is not always  
synchronized with what you  
see."

### QUESTIONS REPORT

Told that the National COUN-  
cil of Churches had warned its  
members not to show "Opera-  
tion Abolition" without first ar-  
ranging for "the other side" to  
be presented, Davies answered:  
"Find out who inspired that be-

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port from the National Council of Churches."

After the much-discussed film was shown, Davies answered questions together with Lewis. Among comments from the audience of about 200:

JOHN V. NEWMAN, Santa Ana Valley rancher and president of the California Council of Growers (a ranchers' organization)—"I've been to Russia, and I'm in favor of sending as many of our students there as we can, to let them see it for themselves. They'd see that what we have here is far better than what they have there."

JOHN A. DRON, SR., Ojai Valley civic leader and retired U.S. Army major—"I never expected to see a church of God dedicated to the Gospel of Jesus Christ used for Americans to bear false witness, in a motion picture sponsored by a society whose president declared that

our former President, Dwight Eisenhower, is a dedicated Communist agent, that Chief Justice Earl Warren should be impeached for disloyalty. Consider and bear in mind that this man said too that 'Our democracy is a sham and a delusion,'"

MICHAEL KROLL, Ojai Valley student—"Has the House Un-American Activities Committee ever investigated the Ku Klux Klan?"

MRS. MARY MUNSELL, dean of girls at Ventura High School—"If we want to criticize a government agency, would it not be better to write our congressmen, rather than incite others to riot?"

CHARLES GASSAWAY, Rice Road, Ojai, retired U.S. Navy officer—"Communism will in-

filitate wherever it can. We have got to be on guard against it."

Lewis invited members of the audience to write Rep. Teague for more information on the House Un-American Activities Committee. He said he had done so and had received a considerable amount of literature on its record and proceedings.

More than anything else, he urged "action now. We don't have time to quibble."

He ended the meeting by asking twice whether the group wanted more programs on the subject of anti-communism. He was answered by a round of applause.

# Enter (from stage right) t

LOS ANGELES — Suburban newspaper columnists have been devoting uneasy attention recently to an organization known as the John Birch Society, apparently a well-heeled outfit spawned by the Cold War.

The society's founder is Robert Welch, 71, a retired Boston, Mass., candy manufacturer, who set up the organization Dec. 9, 1958, at Indianapolis, Ind. Neither the date or place seem to be of significance but the society's "cell" method of organizing and the role of its founder seems to have aroused misgivings.

Welch, who is described as the absolute boss of the society, was born in North Carolina, finished the university there, spent two years at Indianapolis and another two at Harvard. He's lived in Boston since 1919.

"Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase," Welch proclaimed on one occasion, "a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

## AMID WEALTHY

Welch seems to have taken flight at some of the liberal decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court and his "cells" were commanded to wield pens in a letter writing campaign calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Welch also tackled the Eisenhower menage to free enterprise. He thinks Milton Eisenhower, brother of the former president, was a Communist, and it is "his firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

That appeared in a 1958 booklet, "The Politician," written by Welch, which seems to have been withdrawn from circulation after being seen by a few leaders of the movement.

Said Bill Sumner, in The Pasadena Independent:

"Locally, and in this area, the Society seems to be attracting men and women of some substance. It would not pay to dismiss them as a group of fanatics and crackpots worthy only of a passing snort."

Besides Pasadena, the society has picked up recruits in Santa Barbara. Significantly, both communities are dominated

by the retired

On Welch's list of veteran enemies rights as Dean ion, T. Coleman mer income Spruille Braden, American "expe State Deparment Menjou, unsav House Un-Ame Hollywood.

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ation calling for withdrawal of Belgian military personnel.

Now, as then, he threatened to use force to keep the UN out.

## TIGHTER GRIP

As new political assassinations by Belgian puppets were reported in the Congo, as demonstrations continued around the globe against the murder of Premier Patrice Lumumba, one grim fact was unchanged — the Belgians showed no intention of relaxing their imperialist hold on the Congo's wealth.

Indeed, all available evidence was that they were tightening

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**Letters to the Editor**

# The Readers' Forum

## John Birch Society

I would like to express my appreciation for the columns concerning the John Birch Society.

A number of people in our congregation have been concerned about this group and have had serious questions regarding it; and your publication of this information has been most helpful in providing a real understanding of the true motivations behind this organization.

FRANK S. HAMILTON, Jr.  
South Pasadena

★  
May I compliment you on your columns about the John Birch group? Perhaps well-meaning (and perhaps not) organizations like this can be brought to the attention of most of us only through newspapers.

I was horrified at seeing that six of the first ten letters to the editor were in favor of the John Birch group. You have done us a service in your reasonable presentation of the means and ends of this organization which, however well-intentioned it may be, is evidently willing to use totalitarian means to fight totalitarianism.

MRS. T. H. JENSEN, Altadena

★  
I want you to know how much I enjoy Bill Sumner's column. It is interesting, refreshing, fun and enlightening.

I'm glad he has written about the John Birch Society. I gather that you along with a lot of other people, have heard about it and wondered about its makeup, philosophy and aims—I certainly have. Their professed aim of fighting Communism is admirable, but their blanket, it would seem, condemnation of anyone who disagrees with them certainly gives me pause.

I hope you will write more about them so all can take a closer look.

MRS. PHYLLIS GAYMAN,  
South Pasadena

Mr. Bill Sumner's excellent columns on the John Birch Society should awaken temperate members of the community to the means which this group uses to obtain its goals.

Whenever government has moved into what had been the private sphere, the more conservative elements of society have felt oppressed. At times they may even be convinced that a large part of society is conspiring to destroy their economic freedom. With the spread of Russian imperialism, a new label for advocates of change has become popular: Communism. Anyone who supports social welfare measures or labor unions is suspect. If 60 per cent of the U.S. public seems determined to extend social security benefits, then 60 per cent of the country is Communist. The John Birch Society would have us reach this conclusion.

But here lies a great danger. When Communists are imagined in every Rotary Club and school board, we become so afraid that drastic measures seem justified. Loyal Americans are accused of Communist activity. In doing this we aid true international Communism by dividing our energies against each other.

ROBERT T. ROSS, San Marino

Re: JOHN BIRCH  
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## Summer's Report



### Here's What Made the Pot Boil

By BILL SUMNER

The last few weeks have been educational. We introduced the John Birch Society locally and it was like opening a Pandora's box. I don't think any of us had assessed properly the suspicion and hysteria that had been built up. And it has not, in truth, been one-sided.

I think at this point we are going to have to guess at what started the pot to boiling. To me, as a conservative, the pent-up feelings are quite understandable and need to be understood in the light of our recent history. There is no claim here that what follows is the answer, but it is an honest viewpoint, superior or not.

Frankly, the urgent message of this group has an appeal for the conservative. We do have too much government, and it is growing, and we don't have enough of a feeling of individual responsibility.

We continue to drift into a welfare state. We have had important treason and we haven't seemed to realize that we are not in a game of international patty-cake with Russia. Rightly, I think, we set out to put a war-ruined world back on its feet, but have continued the handout as an extension of foreign policy, seeking to buy friendship we may or may not want or need and finding, to our despair, that it hasn't taken anyway.

The conservative, too, has been leaderless since the death of Senator Taft. Senator Goldwater is an honest conservative with considerably more personal appeal than Taft, but as yet has neither the Taft prestige nor influence.

IN MY opinion, too, the Republicans have been leaders for the past eight years. We'll not deal with Mr. Eisenhower's qualities as a President, but no one ever accused him of being a politician or a political leader of the whip-cracking variety that makes his party a force.

Assuming that much of this is debatable, we can add still another element. We are a self-searching people and probably have been regarding our navels too strenuously during the past few years. We have had such an outpouring of fatalism, of defeatism, of self-abasement poured upon us in essay and novel that the more sensitive have tended to feel either that it is too late or that a good refuge, after all, would be a maned, Big Brother society.

And the ultimate in our bursts of fatalism is reached by those who would disarm unilaterally, as a gesture of faith, and by those who have insisted that we must stop testing weapons so we can show the world that we are among the pure at heart. We have lost toughness of both the spirit and muscle, and there are too few around who would say, "To hell with them," in an outpouring of self interest.

TRULY THERE has been a need for a conservative leader, a man, as Robert Welch has pictured himself, on a white horse. And he has offered a religion in a sense, and a sense of direction, purpose, and toughness that has appealed to many despairing conservatives.

Unfortunately, the critics of the ideal state he pictures are Reds, Pinks or Unwitting Dupes, the latter being those who can't quite swallow Mr. Welch's philosophy or history lessons in their entirety.

And what has been achieved on a local level is no victory, for conservatism,

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but a build-up of name calling, dissimulation and at times hysterical pressure that seems even to be destroying friendships of long standing. I may lack understanding, but I find it difficult to see what all of this has to do with conservatism or even the rooting out of Reds.

I would like, in regard to this last, to quote from J. Edgar Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit," probably the most thorough text available on communist strategy and tactics.

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**HOOVER ASKS** that the private citizen assist the FBI in its "responsibility over matters relating to espionage, sabotage, and subversive activities . . ."

He says, however, "Stick to the facts. The FBI is not interested in rumor or idle gossip. Talebearing should always be avoided. The FBI is not interested in what a person thinks but what he does to undermine our national security."

"Don't try to do any investigating yourself. Security investigations require great care and effort. The innocent must be protected as well as the guilty identified. That is the job for the professional investigator. Hysteria, witch hunts, and vigilantes weaken our internal security."

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AND later:

"As we have seen, identifying communists is not easy. They are trained in deceit and trickery and use every form of camouflage and dishonesty to advance their cause.

"For this reason we must be absolutely certain that our fight is waged with full regard for the historic liberties of this great nation. This is the fundamental premise of any attack against communism.

"Too often I have seen cases where loyal and patriotic but misguided Americans have thought they were 'fighting communism' by slapping the label of 'Red' or 'communist' on anybody who happened to be different from them or to have ideas with which they did not agree.

"Smears, character assassination, and the scattering of irresponsible charges have no place in this nation. They create division, suspicion, and distrust among loyal Americans — just what the communists want — and hinder rather than aid the fight against communism.

"Another thing. Time after time in this book I have mentioned that honest dissent should not be confused with disloyalty. A man has a right to think as he wishes; that's the strength of our form of government."

There are few, I think, who would call Mr. Hoover an "unwitting dupe."

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| Complainant<br>[Redacted]                               |                            | Complainant's address and telephone number<br>[Redacted] |                  | Complaint received<br><input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic<br>Date <b>3/11/61</b> Time <b>2:30</b> |
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## Facts of complaint

C. desired to know if the above society was listed on the AG list. He was advised of the confidential nature of the files and furnished the address of Board in DC.

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Compton, California  
March 2, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1340 W. 6th Street  
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

My wife and I recently agreed to become chapter leaders of a local chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY whose headquarters are in Belmont, Massachusetts.

There has been some controversy in the newspapers, radio and television concerning this organization, and it has been labeled by some as subversive.

While we do not find any subversive activities within the organization, before becoming further involved in the work, we would like a letter from you advising whether or not this organization is objectional or listed in your files as subversive.

[redacted] and I want to be on record with your agency that we are very anxious to do our part to expose and stop communist menance, but at the same time expect your agency to advise us against the wrong group with which to associate ourselves.

May we hear from you?

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Very truly yours,

CC to Washington, D. C. Headquarters

Ack [initials]

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DATE 5-8-96 BY SP4-BJW/km

[redacted]  
Compton, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of March  
2, 1961.

Although I would like to be of service,  
I wish to advise that information in FBI files is  
confidential and available for official use only.  
I would like to point out also that the FBI is  
strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not  
within the limits of its prescribed functions to  
draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the  
character or integrity of any organization or  
individual.

I know you will understand the reason  
for these rules and will not infer that we do, or  
that we do not, have the information you request.

I would suggest, however, that you direct  
your inquiry to the Department of Justice, attention  
Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security  
Division, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Facts of complaint

[Redacted] identified himself as president of Local 9510, Communications Workers of America telephonically inquired of the merits of the John Birch Society and whether the tactics used by this organization identical to tactics used by the Communists.

[Redacted] advised we could not offer comment either way for reason files of FBI are Confidential

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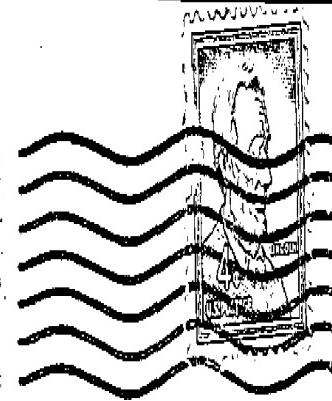
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Dear Sirs,

I would like information on  
2 organizations. 100-59001\* + ref

- (1) The John Birch Society
- (2) National Schools Committee  
51 E. 42nd Street, N.Y.C. 17

The American Economic Foundation  
is also listed at this address.

I am national defense chm. of our  
local D.A.R. and am amazed at  
the amounts of junk that come  
to me as Q. A. & W. President.

My soninlaw (all overword done) is  
a Research & Development Officer  
at Kirtland A.F.B. He advised  
me to write directly to you.  
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[redacted]  
Porterville, California

Dear [redacted]:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 1961.

Although I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer that we do, or that we do not, have the information you request.

Very truly yours,

J. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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[Redacted]  
Camarillo, California

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your recent letter.

Although I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I am sure that you will readily understand the FBI's position in connection with your question.

Returned herewith is the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you enclosed with your letter.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

W. G. SIMON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Near Sirs,

May I have a  
statement from you, as  
to how the John Birch Society  
rates, Politically.

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